

## Digging Deeper into John 10:1-10

### Chat

- Share any stories you might have about children who recognise their parents' voices and turn away from strangers. Or about pets who recognise their owners' voices but hide from strangers. You may also have stories where your children or pets are friendly with everyone!



### Study

*The theme of God being the shepherd of his people was not new to people in Jesus' day. There are several references in the Old Testament. Let's look at one passage in Ezekiel.*

*Read Ezekiel 34:1-6, 11-16, 23*

- Who do you think the shepherds are who were condemned by God?
- What had they done wrong?
- What was God going to do?

*Read John 10:1-10*

- Angeline talked about the ways we can tell the difference between the shepherd and the thieves. What are they?
- Why do you think the Pharisees didn't understand Jesus?
- Knowing the background of Ezekiel 34, what do you think Jesus is saying to the Pharisees about their leadership of his people?
- Are there any lessons for church leaders today?
- What does Jesus mean when he says he is the gate?
- What does it mean to be saved (*v.8-10, also see our verse for the year Jn.20:30-31*)
- What does it mean to have life to the full?

### Think

- How can you learn to recognise the voice of Jesus?
- What are the other voices which can influence us in good or bad ways?
- Think of the millions of Christians across the world and the fact that Jesus knows each one by name, including you. What is your response?

