

# WORKOUT: PART TWO

# JOHN 10:1-21

*Believe*  
and  
**LIVE**  
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



## Read all of John chapter 10, focusing on verses 1-21.

Meditate on Jesus' authority that is revealed in this section.

- How does His proclamation, "I am the door," relate to His authority (10:9)?
- How is His teaching on authority here similar to what we have seen so far in John? (*Begin with verses like John 1:3, 1:12, 2:13-22, 3:9-13, 4:12-13, 5:18, 5:25-29, 6:41-51, 6:63, 7:17-24, 8:25-28, and 8:58.*)
- How does His teaching on authority in chapter 10 expand our understanding of His authority? Why is it so significant that He has authority to lay down His life and take it back up again (10:18)?

Meditate on Jesus' sacrifice that is modeled in this section.

- How does Jesus' sacrifice help us understand care (10:11-15)?
- How does Jesus' sacrifice help us understand love (John 15:13; 1 John 3:16-18)?
- How does Jesus' sacrifice help us understand greatness and serving (Mark 10:43-45)?



## Pray Holistically

Read John 10:17-18 and marvel at Jesus' authority.

- Father, thank you for sending Jesus to lay down His life for us for the forgiveness of our sins. His authority is greater than all creation, and nothing can take His life from Him, but He lays it down of His own accord. His authority is greater than even death, for even in death He can take His life back up again. You have authority to save and to give life. Give us ears to hear, to believe what you tell us.

## Pray Personally

Read John 10:14-16 and reflect on the Lord's work in your life, calling you as one of His sheep.

- Read and pray verses like Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1 Peter 1:3-9, personalizing your thanksgiving for the Lord's work to save you.



Jesus is the good shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep.

Because Jesus cares for the sheep (10:13) and lays His life down for them (10:17), the sheep know and trust His voice (10:14). Because they trust His voice, the sheep hear Him and follow (10:4). Consider the implications of this passage for how we respond to Jesus' commands.

- Pay attention as you go throughout your day. Every moment that we have is an opportunity to glorify God (1 Corinthians 10:31). Where do you most struggle to follow what God has told us in His Word?
  - What other voices influence how you live and walk? Remember that Jesus' sheep follow Him, and they flee the voice of strangers (10:5).
- Pay attention to the temptations that you experience throughout the day to be disobedient to God's commands to His people in Scripture. Where are you tempted to do something Scripture says is sinful? Where are you tempted to not do something that is commanded? Where are you tempted to hesitate to be obedient, to justify your own actions, or to excuse yourself from faithfulness?
  - Remember that the enemy comes to steal, kill, and destroy, but the good shepherd came that His sheep would have life. He lays down His life for the sheep.
  - Daily confess this truth, and look for opportunities to respond in trust and obedience, even when you do not know how something will work out, when you do not understand, when you do not want to, or when obedience costs you something.
  - At the end of each day, write down the specific temptations you noticed in a journal or on your phone. Share them with your Go Group and invite them pray for you and hold you accountable to obey the voice of the good shepherd even when you are tempted to ignore His revelation.