

Remaining in Christ: Jesus' "I am" statements in the Gospel of John

Session V

Questions for Reflection

I Am the Good Shepherd (John 10:1-18)

These questions are deep, and you will need to spend some time reflecting before you answer. We suggest you choose one or two questions each day and work on them throughout the week.

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1. Jesus says those who “come in and go out and find pasture” discover the abundant life he desires for them. What do you think the rhythm of this metaphor suggests for our lives in the church today? What do you think it means to “come in”? To “go out and find pasture”? What does this metaphor suggest about how disciples are nourished and the places where that nourishment takes place? What might this mean for us in our lives of discipleship?
2. Identify someone you know who “sets out” or “places” their life out in the open in such a way that they become a model for others to follow. What qualities of character are required to live with that kind of transparency?
3. In what ways is the risen Jesus leading you and your congregation out of your place of safety and into the wider world? What kinds of nourishment are you receiving from that journey out into the “pasture” – the wider world? In what ways does this journey into the “pasture” lead to abundant life?
4. As the “gate” to the sheepfold, Jesus serves as the boundary between safety and adversity. In what ways does Jesus fulfill this role in your life and the life of your congregation?

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scribbles, or drawings as you reflect

