

Key Texts

John 1:4; 4:13-14; 10:1-10

Thinking & talking through the biblical text during the week helps turn what God is saying into action steps. Here are some questions to get you started.

Reflection Questions

- What questions and comments do you have about the sermon and supporting texts?

Read John 10:1-10

- We looked at 3 paths to thegoodlife: the path of... (1) material accumulation, (2) fame, and (3) expressive individualism. What other paths are you aware of?
- Which one of these paths is most attractive to you? Why? What is good about it, what is wrong about it? Where do you get your view of yourself or your self-image from?
- How do you define thegoodlife?
- How does Jesus define thegoodlife?
- There are 2 Greek words for life: **bios** & **zoe**. What is the difference? Why is it important that we distinguish between the two?
- Can we experience thegoodlife apart from hearing the shepherd's voice? How do we hear him?
- The woman from "*Humans of New York*" said: *"People always say 'be true to yourself.' But that's misleading, because there are two selves. There's your short term self, and there's your long term self. And if you're only true to your short term self, your long term self slowly decays."* How do you respond to her? Which self do you feed?
- How do we live lives of faith and trust when it doesn't seem like we are experiencing thegoodlife?

Thinking a little deeper

- Why do you think we look for thegoodlife everywhere but in God? What are we afraid of?
- Why do you think we define thegoodlife in terms of individuality and not community? What are we afraid of?
- Why do you think we escape into Christian huddles or dream of heaven, when Jesus describes thegoodlife as being here and now?
- Read **Hebrews 2:14-15**. How does all that Jesus came to do (what the incarnation and especially Easter is all about) address (1) our fears, and (2) the good life? If we are fearful, what does that say about us? What can we do in response?