

When Jesus said "I am the good shepherd", he claimed that he is the true leader of God's people. As the good shepherd, Jesus would give up his own life to save his sheep. When Jesus died on the cross, he died:

- willingly and intentionally (it was not just a tragic accident)
- because he loves his people
- to save his people (it was necessary, it achieved a purpose)
- and he did not stay dead but rose to life again.

Jesus came to rescue everyone who follows him as their Shepherd, so they can have life to the full.



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## How will you respond?

How would it affect your life to know that God died for you?

How did different people respond to Jesus? (v19-21).

What is your opinion of Jesus so far? Why?

How can someone become one of Jesus' sheep?



## Coming up at FOCUS...

**Fri 8 April** 6pm FOCUS main meeting & Bible study  
LTB room 3.21

**Thurs 14 April** The Drama of Easter (John 17-20 performance)  
7pm at Mentone Baptist Church



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## Icebreaker

Think about the leaders in your life (eg: parents, uni lecturers, bosses at work, church leaders, government...)

What makes a good or bad leader?

Would any of your leaders do any of the following things for you?

- Let you stay in their house for 3 months
- Lend you \$100,000 to help you out of trouble
- Donate an organ to save your life

What would you think of them if they did?

This semester in FOCUS we are reading the Gospel according to John. The author, John, was a friend and eyewitness of Jesus. John's Gospel contains many deep symbols and metaphors, taken from everyday life and from the Old Testament. So far in John's gospel, we have explored Jesus' identity through his own words: he is the Word, he is the light of the world, he is the bread of life. In today's passage, Jesus uses two different metaphors to describe who he is and why he came.

### The gate: **Read John 10:1-10**

Compare...	The thief	The shepherd
How do they enter the sheep pen?		
What is their relationship with the sheep?		

What metaphor does Jesus use to describe himself (v7)?  
What does this mean?

What do the sheep represent?

**Pharisees** = an important group of Jewish religious leaders  
**sheep pen** = a fenced area where sheep rested. It only had one entrance.  
**shepherd** = someone who looks after sheep. A shepherd's life was rough, dangerous and costly. In the Bible, God is described metaphorically as the "shepherd" of his people. The leaders of God's people are also "shepherds" (see Ezekiel 34).  
**hired hand** = someone who is paid to do a job

### The good shepherd: **Read John 10:11-21**

What is the second metaphor that Jesus uses to describe himself? (v11)

Compare...	The hired hand	The good shepherd
What is their relationship with the sheep?		

Who is Jesus comparing himself with?

Who are the other sheep that are "not of this sheep pen" (v16)?

Read v17-18. What is Jesus talking about here?

We might think it would be better for the sheep if the shepherd didn't die.  
How did the death of the good shepherd (Jesus) bring life to his sheep (people)?