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Today's Scripture Passage: John 10:1-13, page 759/pew Bible

¹"I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. ³The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep."

Application Questions

- Is there a current circumstance that makes you more susceptible to voices other than the voice of Jesus?
- What does this passage tell you about real life and better life (v. 10 life to the full)?
- What is keeping you from walking through the gate (Jesus) into the real and better life He has for you?
- What can you do this week to tune out every voice other than Jesus'?
- What is the top voice or temptation from which you need to run?
- What does it mean to you that Jesus knows your name and wants to have a close relationship with you?
- What are you doing to help your church "stick together?" What could you do?
- What are you doing to make room for more people in God's flock? What could you do?