

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER– MAY 17

Describe a time you were talking about something, and another person truly listened. Focus on an instance when the other person made you feel safe, seen, and not alone.

**Scripture Reading: John 10:1-6 (NIRV)**

*The Good Shepherd and His Sheep*

*10 “What I’m about to tell you Pharisees is true. What if someone does not enter the sheep pen through the gate but climbs in another way? That person is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him. The sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own sheep, he goes on ahead of them. His sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>But they will never follow a stranger. In fact, they will run away from him. They don’t recognize a stranger’s voice.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus told this story. But the Pharisees didn’t understand what he was telling them.*

### Reflection

Do you know what a shepherd does? A shepherd is responsible for taking care of sheep. The shepherd guides the sheep to places where they can find grass to eat, water to drink, and a place to rest. Sheep are not always terribly smart, but they learn to follow the shepherd.

They know when he is talking to them and follow along, recognizing that he will lead them to good things. In this passage, Jesus compares Himself to a shepherd. We are like sheep, wandering around and needing guidance. We can trust in Jesus to provide for us and to protect us. He said that a good shepherd would even lay down his life for the sheep, and that’s exactly what Jesus did! We can trust in His promises and rejoice that our shepherd has rescued us from sin and death. We can listen to His voice through prayer, Scripture, and discernment.

### Discussion Questions

1. How do you hear God’s voice in your life?
2. What are some obstacles to hearing God’s voice?
3. Jesus tells us He is our Good Shepherd. What does this mean to you?

### Prayer

Dear God, Thank you for being the Good Shepherd. Help us to listen for your voice and to follow you and trust you. We know you will guide us and protect us. Thank you for caring about us. Thank you for your love. We love you, God!

In Jesus name, Amen