



**Week of May 12, 2019**

**John 10:22-30**

<sup>22</sup> At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter,  
<sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.

<sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

<sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me;

<sup>26</sup> but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.

<sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

<sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.

<sup>29</sup> What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.

<sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one."



### Group Leader

Remember: you don't need to use all of the questions. Go with what works. Give people a chance to think before answering, but if a question falls flat, move on. Let the discussion go where it needs to go, as long as it remains centered around the lesson. Give the participants page 1. Use this page for yourself.

### Gathering questions:

- A. What was the funniest thing your mother used to say to you?
- B. What's the *first* thing that comes to mind when you think of what a teacher would say to you?

### Bible Study Questions:

- 1. In verse 24, why do you think they feel a need to ask Jesus to be clear?
- 2. In verse 28, how can someone be "snatched" out of Jesus' hand?
- 3. What does verse 26 mean? How can you be one of his sheep before you believe?
- 4. In verse 30, why do you think Jesus says "the Father and I are one"?
- 5. How do you hear the voice of the Good Shepherd? What does the voice say to you?
- 6. Do you believe God is affirming you or criticizing you? How does this affect how you go through life?
- 7. Name an area where you need more confidence? How can God help you?

Closing prayer: particularly invite prayers about understanding God's affirmation of yourselves.