DISCUSSION GUIDE

QUESTIONS FOR KIDS

- 1. What does Jesus compare himself to?
- 2. How do sheep respond to the true shepherd? How do sheep use a gate or door?
- 3. What is a good shepherd willing to do for his sheep?
- 4. If Jesus is the true shepherd, the Good Shepherd, and the gate (or door), how are you like a sheep?
- 5. Have you ever heard a voice other than Jesus trying to take you away from Jesus? How can you practice hearing and recognizing Jesus' voice?

QUESTIONS FOR YOUTH

- 1. Have you ever listened to someone's advice only to find that they were wrong? What was that experience like?
- 2. What do you think it means to hear God's voice?
- 3. What does it mean that Jesus is the Good Shepherd?
- 4. <u>Challenge</u>: This week, spend some time listening to God's voice.

QUESTIONS FOR ADULTS

- 1. In Jesus' mind, who was the "doorkeeper" in v.2?
- 2. Who are the "other sheep" in v.16?
- 3. Why did Jesus seem to mention abruptly he was the Good Shepherd?
- 4. Why is this passage in our Bibles? If it were missing from our Bibles, what would you and I miss?
- 5. Which of the things said about the Good Shepherd has changed you most significantly?