

Can You See It?

Following Jesus' Voice (March 21st, 2021)

PREPARATION

- Familiarize yourself with this Study Guide.
- You can watch the sermon online [HERE](#). Then make sure to watch our [Special Series Video](#)!
- Spend some time in prayer before your group gathers.
- You **always** have the option to use some or all the questions and/or prepare your own questions.
- Review the learning objective to focus the conversation, read the primary scriptures as a group, summarize the main points, ask the questions, and use supporting texts to enhance the concepts.

DISCUSSION

Opening Prayer: (1-2 minutes)

In light of what God is saying through this week's message, here's a suggestion of how your group can invite God into your time together.

Thank the Father for loving us so much that He came to us in the person of Jesus to offer Himself as a sacrifice on our behalf while we were still sinners! Pray that as we navigate the chaotic waters of our cultural moment that we would humbly listen and obey the promptings of the Holy Spirit as we seek to love one another just as Jesus loved us by dying for us on the cross. Finally, pray that the Holy Spirit would open the eyes of our heart to begin to see Jesus for who he truly is!

Discussion: (45-60 minutes)

What's Going on This Week

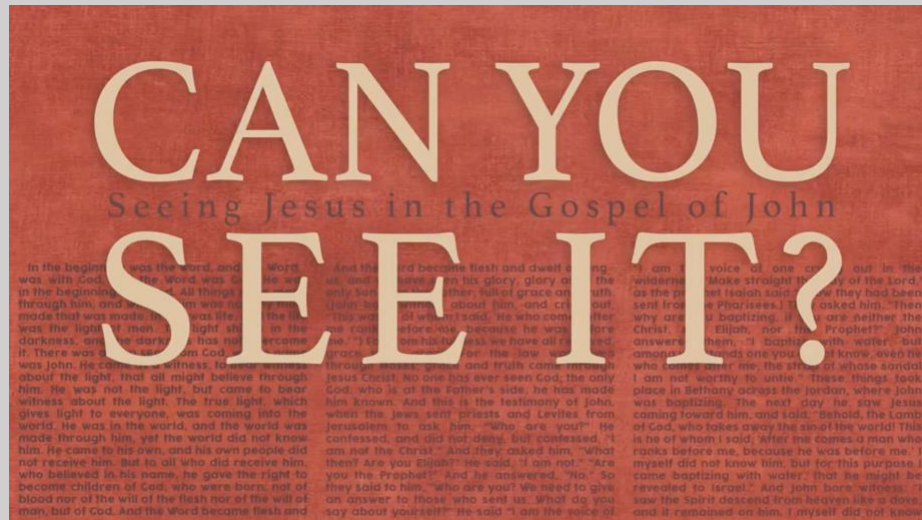
This Sunday, Pastor Danny led us into our fourth week of our series titled *Can You See It?* Pastor Danny brought our attention to *John 10:1-30* in which Jesus claims that he is the one true gate through which his sheep will enter. This is a vital truth considering that there are counterfeit shepherds looking to enter the sheepfold through various different means to seek kill and destroy. On top of this, Jesus claims to be the good shepherd for his sheep. This truth gives his people confidence that he will lead people well and that they will recognize his voice! Therefore, Pastor Danny's challenge this week is to listen for Jesus' voice through the scriptures, through his Holy Spirit, and through the leaders Jesus has put in place inside the church so that when we do hear Jesus, we follow him!

“There are a lot of voices out there, but there is one voice worth listening to. And the One whose voice we need to hear is confident we'll hear it because we are His.” – Pastor Danny Strange

Suggested Questions

Check-In: Icebreaker – Whose voice would you recognize immediately upon hearing it (and why)?

Series Video: Each week, a collection of ministry leaders will be recording a video that discusses this week's sermon and how it may apply to our lives according to each demographic represented here at 3Crosses church! We recommend that you either encourage your group to watch the video *before* the meeting, or the video can make for a great opening activity for your group!



Objective #1: Reflect on your status as a sheep following the Good Shepherd.

Primary Texts: *John 10:1-30* – Pastor Danny points to this text to highlight Jesus' use of the shepherd / sheep imagery. One of the main points he makes is that sheep tend to be relational animals, near-sighted in their vision, and in need of a voice to follow! Therefore, the truth of Jesus as the door for the sheep as well as the Good Shepherd indicates that our finite lives are safe in Christ's hands! **What in particular stands out to you in the text(s) provided about the biblical imagery of the sheep and the shepherd?**

Supporting Texts: *Psalm 23; Ezekiel 34 (Shepherd)*

Objective #2: Shed light on the counterfeit shepherds in your life.

Selected Passages and Themes: *John 10:10; 1 Peter 5:8 (Alertness); Mark 10:13-16 (Family); Matthew 11:29-30 (Stress and Anxiety); John 14:8-9 (God's Generational Work)* – In the roundtable discussion video, each of our ministry leaders discussed the various ways the enemy and counterfeit shepherds are seeking to kill and destroy as opposed to Jesus who has come to give life abundantly. **What are some of the counterfeit shepherds or voices in your life that are attempting to seek, kill, and destroy? How might Jesus be speaking against these voices?**

Objective #3: Seek the Lord's Voice!

Primary Texts: *Scripture (2 Timothy 3:14-17); Church Leaders (1 Peter 5:1-4); Voice (John 16:12-15)* – Pastor Danny closes his sermon by challenging us to seek God's voice through these three different avenues so we might follow Him. **How might the Good Shepherd be speaking to you right now through your group conversation? How can we pray in a way that allows Him to speak to us?**

Closing Prayer: (5-10 minutes)

In light of what God is saying through this week's message, here's some suggestions of what your group could talk about with God in prayer.

Thank our Heavenly Father for revealing himself to us by sending His son! Praise the Son for becoming a human so that we might see the Father and have direct access to Him through the shed blood of Jesus Christ! Ask that the Holy Spirit would open the eyes of our hearts so that we may continue to follow Jesus in a relationship with Him through the Holy Spirit as he equips us to live, love, and forgive like Jesus. Finally, pray that we as a church would have the courage and boldness to proclaim the gospel of Jesus as we continue to stay connected to the Holy Spirit and follow His lead in our lives.

THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

-Stay up to date with Coronavirus Ministry Opportunities: Help us out by pointing the people in your Community Group to [3Crosses.org/coronavirus](https://3crosses.org/coronavirus). If you or anyone in your group is looking to serve food in our pantry, access spiritual care, or seek financial assistance, you can find all you need at [3Crosses.org/neighborhood](https://3crosses.org/neighborhood)

-Can You See It! Series: Each week, we will be recording a message that includes a collection of our ministry leaders and helps explain this week's study guide! *Tune in at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday Nights* each week for the premier of the video or check it out anytime on our [YouTube channel!](#)

-Group Prayer: This week, pray that the Spirit would illuminate the truth of Jesus in our lives! Challenge one or two members of your group by contacting them with a truth about Jesus upon which you are reflecting!

-Further Reading: *John 14-16* Next week, we will be walking through the upper room discourse! Pay special attention to how the disciple's questions drive the entire conversation!

-Community Groups 2021: For more information about joining a group, leading a group, or general inquiries, contact AJ at avanegas@3crosses.org