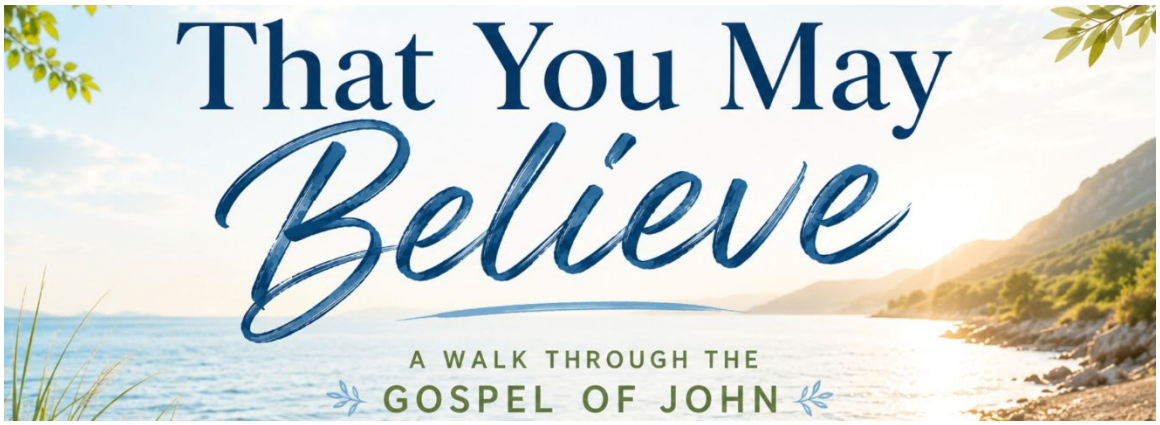


That You May Believe: A Walk Through the Gospel of John - Wk 15

(John 10)

Sunday, September 6, 2026

5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Based on John 10 and the Themes of the Shepherd, the Gate, and the Good Life

Day 1: The Voice You Can Trust

Reading: John 10:1-6; Psalm 23:1-3

Devotional: Sheep know their shepherd's voice above all others. In a world filled with competing voices — fear, doubt, comparison, despair — Jesus calls to you by name. He is not a distant authority issuing commands from afar. He is the shepherd who walks ahead, who knows the terrain, who has already scouted the path you are walking today. The question is not whether He is speaking. The question is whether you have quieted yourself enough to hear Him. Spend time today in stillness. Let the noise settle. Listen for the voice that has always known your name.

Personal Reflection: What voices have been drowning out the voice of the shepherd in your life this week? What would it look like to deliberately quiet those voices today?

Practical Application: Set aside ten minutes of silence today — no phone, no music, no television. Simply sit and ask God to speak. Write down anything that comes to your heart during that time.

Day 2: The Gate That Holds You Safe

Reading: John 10:7-10; Hebrews 11:6

Devotional: Jesus does not say He is one of many gates. He says He is the gate. In ancient shepherding culture, the shepherd would lie across the entrance of the sheepfold at night, placing his own body between the sheep and anything that would harm them. That image is not accidental. Jesus is saying that access to safety, to peace, to a life that is full and rich and satisfying, runs directly through Him. And He

does not stand at that gate reluctantly. He lays Himself down willingly. Every burden you are carrying today is something He already positioned Himself to bear on your behalf.

Personal Reflection: Are there areas of your life where you have been searching for peace through sources other than Jesus? What would it mean to bring those areas through the gate?

Practical Application: Write down one specific area of your life where you have been seeking security apart from Christ. Pray over it today and intentionally surrender it to Him as an act of trust.

Day 3: The Shepherd Who Stays

Reading: John 10:11-18; Psalm 23:4-6

Devotional: A hired hand runs when danger arrives. He was never truly invested. But Jesus draws a sharp contrast — He is not hired help. He owns the sheep. He knows them. He stays. The valley of death that Psalm 23 describes is not a rare detour in the life of a sheep. It is the landscape they move through daily, because sheep are defenseless and the world around them is not. The same is true for us. Suffering is not an interruption to the Christian life. But the shepherd does not send us through that valley alone. He walks through it with us, rod and staff in hand.

Personal Reflection: In what season of your life have you most clearly felt the presence of God walking with you through difficulty? What did that teach you about who He is?

Practical Application: Reach out today to someone you know who is walking through a hard season. Simply let them know they are not alone. Be the presence of the shepherd to someone who needs it.

Day 4: One Flock, One Shepherd

Reading: John 10:16; Revelation 5:9-14

Devotional: Jesus says there are other sheep not yet in the fold, and He must bring them also. This is not a casual aside. It is a declaration of the scope of His mission. The scene in Revelation 5 captures what that mission ultimately produces — a countless multitude from every tribe, language, people, and nation, gathered around the throne of the Lamb, singing that He is worthy. The cross was never intended for one nation or one generation. It was always meant for all of us. If you know the shepherd's voice, you were once an outside sheep being called in. That should shape the way you see every person around you.

Personal Reflection: Who in your life has not yet heard the shepherd's voice? How does the image of one flock gathered before the throne change the way you think about them?

Practical Application: Pray specifically today for one person in your life who does not yet know Jesus. Ask God to open a door for you to share your story with them this week.

Day 5: The Father and I Are One

Reading: John 10:25-33; John 8:58; Colossians 3:2

Devotional: When Jesus said "the Father and I are one," the crowd did not misunderstand Him. They understood Him perfectly — and it enraged them. Jesus was not correcting a misunderstanding. He was confronting a rejection. He made the same bold claim in John 8, asserting existence before Abraham. No prophet in history had ever claimed this. Jesus was not offering a revised philosophy or a better moral framework. He was claiming to be God in human form, the pre-existent one, the source of all things and the destination of all things. Setting your mind on things above, as Colossians 3:2 instructs, begins with settling this question: who do you believe Jesus truly is?

Personal Reflection: Have you ever fully wrestled with the claim that Jesus and the Father are one? What difference does the full deity of Christ make in how you pray, how you trust, and how you live?

Practical Application: Memorize Colossians 3:2 today. Write it somewhere visible — a mirror, a dashboard, a phone lock screen. Let it serve as a daily reminder to anchor your thoughts in the reality of who Jesus is rather than in the chaos of what surrounds you.