



Equipping the Body of Christ to protect children
and empower abuse survivors

PROTECTING CHILDREN AND ENCOURAGING SURVIVORS

Bible study based on John 10

1. As was mentioned in the sermon, the ACE study (adverse childhood experiences) found that 20% of the population has been sexually abused. If the numbers are so high, why don't we hear more about it?
2. Someone who has been abused is much more likely to struggle with obesity, alcohol, drugs, promiscuity, finances, relationships, and other mental health issues. How do these facts change the way we look at those who are struggling in society?
3. **Read John 10:7-10.** Jesus says that some people are like thieves and robbers who attack the sheep. How might perpetrators fit the description of a thief and robber in Jesus' parable? (See also John 10:1.)
4. **Read John 10:10.** Jesus promises to offer an abundant life. Life is abundant when we feel safe and secure in the acceptance of God and others. In what ways can you experience that life today in Jesus?

5. **Read John 10:11-13.** Jesus mentions two other groups: the hired hand and the wolf. I believe the wolf is the devil. What is the goal of the devil? Why might the devil specifically target children?

6. Look at those verses again. What do you think Jesus is describing when he talks about the hired hand who runs away? Have you seen this kind of attitude in the church? How might we be different?

7. **Read John 10:14-18.** What makes Jesus different than the thieves and hired hands?

8. How do you know when you are listening to the voice of Jesus or the voice of the wolf?

9. Jesus talks about his resurrection in verses 17 and 18. Why might the resurrection be so comforting to abuse survivors?

10. Although the recent sermon and this study are hard to discuss, what are the reasons that we need to study and act upon this information?