

Discussion Questions

Warm up

1. As a child did you have a pet? How did it respond when it heard your voice?
2. The Green Cross Code is a memorable phrase that carries an important message, what other examples can you think of?

Passage: Read John 10:1-30

Questions relating to passage

3. What stands out from the passage about the role of the shepherd?
4. How do you feel being compared to a sheep? Being honest, how sheep-like are you?
5. What do we learn about Jesus as he refers to himself as the "good shepherd"?
6. Reflect on v10 in the light of the Easter story.
7. What does Jesus mean when he speaks of "other sheep" (v16)? What does this mean for the composition of his flock?

Further reflection

8. In the light of the sermon, think about each of the stages of the Green Cross Code: Stop, Look, Listen, (and Move). The verses listed might help your reflection and discussion:
 - a. Stop: Psalm 46:1, 10–11; Psalm 37:3–7
 - b. Look: Hebrews 12:1–2
 - c. Listen: John 10:27
9. What do these look like for you personally?
10. Further reflect on the life of Shirley Baptist Church and in particular the coming 6 months. How are you feeling? Is there a temptation to rush ahead, if so, why? What does it mean for you as a church to, Stop, Look and Listen before you move ahead?

To finish, prayerfully reflect on Psalm 23 in the light of the previous discussion. Pray for one another and the life of the church.