

I AM: The One Who Fights For You  
November 8, 2020

### **Read**

Read Ezekiel 34 and John 9-10.

### **Discuss**

- If you have a pet, does it know your voice? How can you tell?
- Read John 10:1-6, 11-15. What stands out to you? What questions do you have about the text?
- How does the context of John 9 change the way we read John 10? What is Jesus saying to the Pharisees, and why is he saying it?
- Read Ezekiel chapter 34:1-15. How does the Ezekiel passage shape our understanding of John 10? What do you notice when you compare the Ezekiel passage with John 10? What is the difference between the bad shepherds and the good shepherd?
- Jesus says that his sheep know his voice. Do you feel like you know Jesus' voice? How does the idea of hearing from God make you feel? Why?
- Have you heard God before? What was it like? How did you know it was God?
- Sheep learn to recognize their shepherd's voice by spending time with them. How can you open up space in your life to spend more time with God? What are some of the guidelines we can use to recognize God's voice? How can we practice listening to him?

### **Pray**

Pray for our leaders both here at Blackhawk and in the wider Christian community, that they would be faithful shepherds. Pray that we would learn to listen carefully for and recognize Jesus' voice.

### **Next Steps**

1. Review how you spend your time, and try to open up more space in your day for Jesus. Set aside time this week to sit quietly with Jesus and just be in his presence.
2. Practice listening. Start your morning by asking God to speak to you, whether about a particular matter or just in general, and as you continue throughout your day, pay attention to what is happening within and around you. The goal is to develop an attitude of listening—the more we practice listening, the better we can learn to recognize God's voice.