

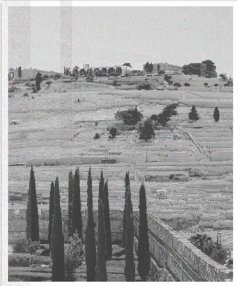
The Purpose of This Book

<sup>20</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>21</sup> But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



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## “I SHALL NOT WANT” discussion questions

1. If someone were to refer to you as sheepish or sheep-like, would you view that as a compliment or an insult? Why? How does it feel to have God refer to us as sheep?
2. What is the significance of Jesus being the door of the sheepfold?
3. Why is it important for the sheep to know the voice of the shepherd? Is it easy or difficult for you to recognize the voice of God?
4. Are there false shepherds/thieves today that are tempting for Christians to listen to and follow? Describe.
5. Read John 10:10 and Psalm 23:1. Life to the fullest. The abundant life. Lacking nothing. Do these descriptions describe your life right now? Why or why not? What makes someone's life meaningful?
6. Consider one specific area of your life where you need Jesus to be your shepherd, and if you're comfortable, share it out loud with the group. Brainstorm some ways we can help each other follow Jesus in these areas, and pray for one another.



### The Book of John

The Word Became Flesh

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. <sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>7</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>8</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>9</sup> He was in the world, and the world did not know him. <sup>10</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>11</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. <sup>12</sup> Who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>13</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>14</sup> John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'" <sup>15</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>16</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>17</sup> No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

