

## **Read John 9**

In the chapter, a man Jesus had healed from congenital blindness was expelled from his faith community. The religious leaders considered the man a moral degenerate and a traitor to the Jewish faith. Jesus calls them out for their hypocrisy and their oppressing the people they were entrusted to shepherd. The issue at hand was about who was in or out of God's fold.

1. How does our society talk about "belonging"? How does our city handle the reality of our multicultural demographic and religious pluralism?
2. How are we as a church handling "belonging" in our community?

## **Read John 10:1-10**

Jesus used the sheepfold metaphor to teach about belonging to God's flock. Jesus declared Himself as the Door of the fold. It is only by going through the Door, by passing through the entrance, can one enter God's fold.

3. Entering by the Door (i.e. going through Jesus) means being in relationship with Jesus. What does knowing Jesus look like? How do you know you have a relationship with Jesus?
4. Jesus said that those who enter by the Door will be saved. To be saved in this sense means to be kept safe from ultimate harm. How have you experienced Jesus' salvation and protection in your life? When have you felt Jesus' rescue and defence in your walk of faith?
5. Jesus said that those who enter by the Door will go in and out and find pasture. This means perfect freedom. What does freedom in Jesus look like as we go about our lives in Toronto?
6. How have you felt the freedom and liberty of knowing Jesus as Lord and Saviour in your Christian life?
7. Consider and discuss ways we as Little Trinity can embody a life of salvation and freedom, and lead others to enter by the Door of God's sheepfold. Finally, pray together and for each other in our continued love and knowledge of Jesus as our Saviour, Lord, and Liberator.