Pray together to enter the study
Read text aloud (2-3 verses per person)

FRAME *2 min to read aloud*

An eye-witness account of Jesus' life written by His follower, John.

Pharisees were prominent Jewish religious leaders who often debated with Jesus.

'Hearing God's voice' in Jewish tradition meant those who obeyed and followed God's laws.

OBSERVE

5 min to reflect alone, 5 min to all share

Imagine yourself in the story. What do you see, hear, and smell?

Look for repeated words, comparisons, contrasts, and cause and effect.

Note characters, relationships, locations, time, actions, and reactions.

INTERPRET

3 min to gather q's, 12 min to discuss

Develop some questions based on your observations. What stirs your curiosity?

Imagine the perspective of the people in the scene.

Answer your questions from the text and context.

SUMMARIZE & SPOTLIGHT

1 min to read the summary aloud

Jesus uses a sheep metaphor to describe how His followers recognize His voice and that Jesus would die for them.

3 min to individually write a main point
2 min for all to share, end with leader

WEEK 7: LEARNING JESUS' VOICE

John 10:1 – 15 (NIV)

1 "Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by
the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. 2 The one
who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens
the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by
name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes on
ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 But
they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because
they do not recognize a stranger's voice." 6 Jesus used this figure of
speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

7 Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the
sheep. 8 All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the
sheep have not listened to them. 9 I am the gate; whoever enters through me
will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. 10 The thief
comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have
life, and have it to the full.

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the
sheep. 12 The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So
when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then
the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. 13 The man runs away because he is a
hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

14 "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know
me— 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down
my life for the sheep.

INVITATION

5 min for individual reflection, 5 min to share as a group

Where do you want to hear Jesus' voice in your life? Choose a time every day this week to study scripture so you can better hear Jesus' voice. Write the time you will do it below:

CONCLUDE

5 min to pray for each other and your applications

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