Lesson 1: Jesus and… Jesus
John 10:7-13

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.*

This semester we're going to talk about "Jesus and…" how he approaches different aspects of life, but to start off, we should understand how Jesus approaches himself, so we can have a framework for our understanding of Him and His responses.

1. What are some of the things you've heard about Jesus? How do people inside and outside of a Christian context talk about Him?

2. Jesus claims to be 2 things in this passage. What are the two claims? How are they similar and how do they differ?

3. These are the 3rd and 4th out of 7 statements that Jesus makes about himself, the others are below. What do you notice about these statements Jesus makes about himself? How do they connect to being The Gate for the Sheep, and the Good Shepherd?
    a. The Bread of Life (John 6),
    b. The Light of the World (John 8),
    c. The Resurrection and the Life (John 11),
    d. The Way, The Truth, and the Life (John 14)
    e. The True Vine (John 15)

4. How do you see Jesus (as the shepherd) being different from the hired hand? How might Jesus be a good shepherd for people?