

## **PART 3: Whose Voice Are You Listening To?**

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### **START**

We all can recognize iconic voices like Darth Vader, Morgan Freeman, and others that have a distinct voice. We can also recognize the voices of the people we love. A parent can distinguish their child's voice from others and vice versa. Whose voice we follow has a great impact in how we live our lives.

- What is an iconic voice that you can distinguish from others?
- What are some voices that compete for your attention?
- How can we distinguish Jesus' voice from the others around us?

### **READ**

[John 10:7-9](#) (NIV)

Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture.

### **THINK**

Before Jesus teaches in John 10 we see Him heal a blind man in John 9. The religious leaders of the day were upset that Jesus healed this man on the Sabbath. They were more concerned about the rules than the person. Then Jesus teaches about sheep listening for the shepherd's voice and not to listen to thieves and robbers who want to lead people astray.

- When have you found yourself more concerned about the rules than people?
- Who are the thieves and robbers that seek to lead people astray?

Jesus teaches equally with truth and grace. We tend to lean towards one or the other. We can lean towards truth and forget that people are on a journey, or lean towards grace without ever helping people grow in their relationship with God.

- Do you tend to lean towards truth or grace?
- How can we better balance truth and grace?

### **PRAY**

"God, help me to discern your voice and to walk with people in grace and truth."

### **ACT**

This week, think about the voices you are listening to. Take a step to work on being able to discern the voice of Jesus.

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