**Session 8**

**Theme: The Good Shepherd**

John 10

**Required resources:**

* Name labels & pens
* Ice breaker PowerPoint questions
* Video countdown timer
* Game resources
* Audio recordings of six famous people
* John 10:1-7 Bible reading
* Discussion questions PowerPoint
* Large candle

| **Time** | **Who?** | **Item** | **Length** |
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|  |  | **Doors open, Ice breaker questions on screen** | **30 min** |
|  |  | **Meal** | **30 min** |
|  |  | **Video Countdown Timer** | **5 min** |
|  |  | **Game** | **10 min** |
|  |  | **Notices and encouragements** | **5 min** |
|  |  | **Table group activity** | **8 min** |
|  |  | Table group has to listen to the voices of six famous people, and see if they can recognise who they are. The last three voices should be from people who are famous but whose voices are not well known, as we don’t want guests to be able to recognise all the voices this time round. Well known voices:   * [Churchill](https://youtu.be/Kx3W4F80L04) * [John Bercow](https://youtu.be/EY7EIZl4raY) * [Del Boy](https://youtu.be/QAQQ_s2Fv4A) * [Greta Thunberg](https://youtu.be/TMrtLsQbaok) * [Justin Bieber](https://youtu.be/6zEve0VdUTc) * [Justin Welby](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXoXL4HbNGQ) | |
|  |  | **Scripture reading from John 10:1-7** | **2 min** |
|  |  | **Table group discussion** | **7 min** |
|  |  | Say that it’s all good and well reading something that was written 2000 years ago, that says that we can hear and recognise Jesus’ (the shepherd’s) voice, but what about now? Ask the table groups to discuss the following two questions: (1) Do we think that Jesus (God) speaks to us today? (2) If so, how would we recognise his ‘voice’? Then feedback. | |
|  |  | **Table group activity** | **5 min** |
|  |  | Replay the last three voices from the previous table group activity. Afterwards, ask guests if it was easier to recognise them this time. If not already brought up by guests, suggest that perhaps it was easier because we recognised them from last time, or that perhaps it was because of what they said last time. Explain that this is similar to what happens when we start to practise ‘listening’ for God’s ‘voice’. | |
|  |  | **Whole group activity** | **5 min** |
|  |  | Have a quiet time, listening for God speaking to us. Perhaps dim some of the lights and light a single candle as a focal point. Explain that we might ‘hear’ God speaking to us in different ways… it might be (although it happens rarely) an audible voice; it might be a picture in our minds; it might be a feeling that we have to do something; a bible verse might repeatedly drop into our minds. Afterwards, say that if anyone thinks they might have heard God speaking to them in some way, to tell someone in the Ignite team. | |
|  |  | **Final prayer and finish** |  |
|  |  | **End** |  |