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Sermon Title: Driven or Led?

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Scripture: John 10:1-5, 14 - "I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber! But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't know his voice."

"I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me.

1. Jesus declared that He alone is the Good Shepherd. (John 14:6)
2. "Following" is a process - it's called discipleship.
3. The voice you listen to will determine whether you are being driven or led.
4. Thieves and robbers promise freedom and thrill - but their promises are empty and their claims that initially captivate lead to death.
5. Everything Satan does is motivated by hate.
6. Only the Good Shepherd will lead you into abundance and only by following Him, will you find freedom and rest for your soul.
7. Even though it might not be what you expected, it's not unexpected to the Shepherd.
8. The Good Shepherd reveals Himself to us through His Word.

Growth Group Questions

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WARM-UP

1. What kinds of kid's games do you remember playing growing up?
2. Have you ever spent much time around farm animals – particularly sheep?

SHARE

1. What did you find most challenging, helpful, or troubling in the sermon today and why?
2. In what ways are you best able to discern God's voice?
3. Are there areas of your life where you're being driven by the butcher rather than led by the Good Shepherd? If so, what are they?
4. How does it make you feel when you are unable to hear or discern God's voice?
5. How are you able to find quiet spaces and shut out the noise of the culture?

IN THE WORD

Read some of the passages below and discuss any insights into today's message.

- **John 6:63**
- **John 8:47**
- **John 10:27**
- **John 14:26**
- **Romans 8:14, 16**
- **Revelation 3:20**

PRACTICE

- **Listening for God exercise** - Pair up with somebody in your group and ask God to speak a word about each other and then listen quietly for 10 minutes. Share what you think you heard God say.
- Practice turning down the noise and listening for God each day during your personal prayer times. Write down in a journal what you think God is saying.

