



**DIGGING IN**

*What's a Metaphor? (To Keep the Sheep In)*

<b>The Characters</b>	<b>Jesus</b>

Looking only at what Jesus said, what can you learn about the thief and robber?

**CROSS-CHECKING**



*More on Sheep and Shepherds*

Read the passages below and respond to the questions that follow.

**JEREMIAH 23:1-10**

Who are the shepherds in this passage?

What were these shepherds doing—or *not* doing?

How did God feel about the shepherds? What was he planning to do?

Where do you see Jesus in this passage, and what does God say about him?

## **EZEKIEL 34:1-10, 15-16**

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## **TAKING IT INWARD**

*Sheepyness Has Its Privileges*

Think about everything you've learned about sheep today. What benefits do Jesus' sheep receive?

Who or what is the shepherd of your life? In other words, where do you put your trust? Is it in—

Your youth pastor or leader?

Youth workers?

Friends?

Activities such as sports, music, computers?

Jesus?

Jesus has sacrificed the most to be your shepherd, but what are some ways you're not allowing him to be your shepherd?

What needs to change in your life so that you can pay more attention to Jesus' voice?

## **WRAPPING IT UP**

*Sheep Ears*

Jesus, you laid down your life for me; you promised me a full life; you are calling me with your voice. Here's what I'd like to do to be your sheep: