

# light and believing

John 10.19-42

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## **The words of Jesus divide** (read John 10.1-21)

According to John 10.1-18 how should people respond to Jesus? What human office does the shepherd illustrate?

What is the basis for accepting what Jesus taught about himself? In John's gospel what does this prove about Jesus' origin?

## **The scope of the rule of Jesus expressed and opposed** (read John 10.22-33)

Who were the Jews looking forward to? Why didn't the Jews accept that Jesus was 'the Christ'? Why should they have?

Discuss what the rule of Jesus looks like in verses 22-33:

What is **THE** issue for the Jews? Do you have any sympathy for this?

## **The background to the rule of Jesus explained and accepted** (read Psalm 82)

Who are referred to as 'gods' in Psalm 82?

read John 10.34-42

In what way are we to understand the claim of Jesus to be 'Son of God'? Why is this not blasphemy?

What made the claims of Jesus compelling?

## **Think it through...**

Describe how verses 27 and 28 address your pride. Discuss how it redresses the natural prejudice to want to contribute to your own salvation.

Discuss the rule of King Jesus expressed in verse 28 and the assurance it gives you.

Discuss the implications of the rule of Jesus for Christian living. Can you express this in terms of; praise, prayer, and, promoting the gospel?