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Scripture passage for May 28

"Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Read John 9:35–41

1. Consider the detail that Jesus 'found' the man. What seems to be the promise there for us? When is a time when you realized that Jesus had sought you out? Was it through another person, through prayer, or some other circumstances?
2. This passage has two distinct 'scenes' in it. What is the point of each, and what is significant about having them placed side by side?
3. How does this passage and Jesus' words about judgement and condemnation fit with John 3:16–21?
4. Metaphorically, we are surrounded by people who claim to see, but do not. Where is your own sight hindered? (See Matthew 7:1–5)

How do you engage with others who are 'blind'?

John 10:1–10

