



**Topeka Bible Church**  
*Discovery Day 2009: Cruise Ship or Battleship?*  
**Community Group Study Questions**  
**John 10:1-10 and selected passages**

1. Why do you think the church exists? Have you ever approached church with a "cruise ship" mentality? What does it mean to approach church with a "battleship" mentality?
  
2. What does Jesus Christ promise to give to His sheep (*John 10:9-10*)? Have you discovered this abundant life in Jesus Christ? Who is the "thief" and what does he threaten to do (*John 10:1, 8*; cf. *Jeremiah 23:1-2*; *Ezekiel 34:2*)?
  
3. Share some truths that you have "discovered" God this past year. What would you like to discover about God in the coming year? Why is this discovering an important part of our spiritual growth (*Philippians 2:12*; *2 Peter 3:18*)?
  
4. Do you think connecting is important to our spiritual growth (*Hebrews 10:24-25*; *Acts 2:46-47*)? What happens when we isolate ourselves from others (cf. *Proverbs 15:22*)? How does Jesus model this type of "connecting" (*Mark 14:33-35*)?

5. Whom are you connecting with right now? How has God been at work in your group? Spend some time with your group members celebrating and thanking God for His redeeming work in your lives and prayers that He has answered!
  
6. Do you think serving is important to our spiritual growth? Who should be our model when we serve (*Mark 10:45*)? Do you believe that you have gifts which you can use to serve God and others (*Romans 12:6-8; 1 Peter 4:10-11*)?
  
7. How might God be calling you to step outside of yourself and serve others in our church and/or community? Whom might God be calling you to connect with in a group? What specific ways is He calling you to discover, connect, and serve more fully?

**Memory Verse:**

**“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”**  
(John 10:10, NASB)