

1. Have you ever had an experience where you thought you were safe, only to discover the opposite? Describe what happened and how you became aware of your situation.
2. Read John 10:22–29. In what ways does Jesus represent the Father in these verses? What is ironic about the Jews' request of Jesus to speak plainly about his identity? How has Jesus already revealed himself in the Gospel of John?
3. What are the primary works of the Shepherd in these verses? On what basis do the sheep have eternal life? On what basis is that eternal life maintained?
4. Read John 10:30. Why is it essential to understand the oneness of the Father and the Son? How is their oneness both functional and substantive? How do the Father and the Son demonstrate their oneness to the sheep according to this passage?
5. Read John 10:31–39. Why do the Jews so fiercely oppose Jesus? On what basis do they accuse him of blasphemy?
6. What point does Jesus make in vv34–38? Why, then, was it disingenuous for the religious leaders to accuse him of blasphemy?
7. What is the difference between eternal security and the assurance of salvation? Why are both important? How does your understanding of eternal security enrich your appreciation of the assurance of your salvation today?