



## YouthBytes.org - A Powerful Tool for Youth Workers

YouthBytes is a simple, yet effective tool in the hands of those who have a passion to reach and teach this generation. The Episode Guide is designed to help you implement YouthBytes into your particular setting at whatever level you choose: from a full meeting schedule to just a small video to enhance your meeting. We encourage each worker to add his or her own stories, experiences and illustrations to make your particular scenario work. The discussion questions are also just a starting point and we encourage each group to go further and deal with local issues and topics that might be relevant.

### Each YouthByte Episode will include :

- Video summary
- Icebreaker
- Primary Lesson
- Facts, figures and illustrations used in the episode
- Key Scriptures
- Discussion Questions
- Complimentary story

We look forward to getting your feedback and comments for these Episode Guides. Also let us know what subjects you would want new YouthBytes to cover. As always, testimonies are welcome. Comments, ideas, and testimonies can be sent to [feedback@youthbytes.org](mailto:feedback@youthbytes.org).

## Disc 12 ~ On Track Out of Bounds



### Video Summary

In this episode, Chad explains in greater depth the consequences of crossing boundaries in our lives. The world in which we live pushes us to do things our own way and to ignore the rules that have been set in place for us.

A tangible example on the video is being caught speeding and having to answer to a police officer for breaking the law. Another graphic illustration Chad uses is the protection birds get in an aviary or that a lamb gets from its mother or a shepherd. It all gets down to helping people understand that predators are everywhere, including bad friends, just inviting you to go out of bounds.



### Icebreaker ~ A Blonde Cop and a Blonde Motorist

A blonde cop stops a blonde motorist and asks for her driving license. The Motorist scuffles around in her purse and can't find it. She says to the cop, "I must have left it at home officer."

The cop says, "Well, do you have any kind of identification?" The motorist scuffles around in her purse again, and finds a pocket mirror. She looks at it and says to the cop, "All I have is this picture of myself." The cop says, "Let me see it, then." So the blonde motorist gives the mirror to the blonde cop, who looks at it, and replies, "Well, if I had known you were a police officer, I wouldn't have even pulled you over. You can go now."



### Primary Lesson ~ Violating God's boundaries opens a door for predators in our lives

Even from an early age, boundaries are there to provide safety to our lives (Baby Crib, High Chair, training wheels on a bike, etc.). As we get older, our fallen nature influences us to push or test these boundaries. This can, at times, be a catalyst for growth in our lives, but at other times it can be a very dangerous gamble.

Jesus said in John 10:10 "The thief comes to steal and kill and destroy, but I came that you may enjoy life, and have it in abundance." To continually push against the boundaries that God has placed in our lives can not only set us up for failure in all areas, but can place us directly in the path of a predator (Satan) whose desire is to stop the "abundant life of God" not only in our lives, but also from impacting others around us!



## Facts, Figures & Illustrations

- Over 112,000 people a day receive a speeding ticket in the United States.
- That's over 41 million speeding tickets per year.
- One in every 6 drivers will get a speeding ticket this year.
- The average speeding ticket costs \$150.00.  
 $41,000,000 \times 150.00 = \$6,150,000,000$  that's over 6 BILLION dollars per year in speeding ticket fines alone.
- There are about 1 billion sheep on the planet
- There are about 900 different breeds of sheep.
- A baby lamb can identify its mother by her bleat.
- There are 450-feet of wool yarn in one baseball.
- The small intestines from 11 sheep are needed to string one tennis racket.
- If you see a sheep on its back, lend a hand. A sheep can't get up from that position. If left on its back too long, it will eventually die.
- There are 65 million sheep in New Zealand and only about 4 million people.

Source: [www.danekeclublamb.com/FactsAndGlossary.html](http://www.danekeclublamb.com/FactsAndGlossary.html) and [www.tipmra.com](http://www.tipmra.com)



## Discussion Questions

1. Predators are everywhere and are not always the four footed variety. Can you recognize natural and spiritual predators in your life or in the lives of others? What steps can you take to ensure your safety and the safety of those around you?
2. Jesus tells us in John 10 that "His" sheep recognize his voice. Discuss problem areas in your life or in the lives of people you know that are a direct result of ignoring God's voice of caution or ignoring the advice of people in authority?
3. Landowners put "no trespassing" signs on fences surrounding their properties to alert people that this boundary should not be crossed. Name 3 areas in your life that you need to allow the Spirit of God to put no trespassing signs up.
4. Police officers set up speed traps to discourage people from breaking the traffic laws of the road. What are the signs that God uses in your life to discourage you from breaking His laws? Pray for each other that God would help you to stay in His fold and inside His boundaries for your life.



## Key Scriptures (From New King James Version, unless otherwise noted)

**John 10:11** ~ *Jesus said: I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.*

**Isaiah 53:6** ~ *All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*

**Romans 13:1-2** ~ *Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.*

**1 Peter 5:8** ~ *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*



## Complimentary Story ~ Discerning a True Shepherd - by Chad Daniel

A friend of mine traveled to Israel last year and enquired of his local tour guide about the flocks of sheep gathered on the side of the road. The guide proceeded to tell him the wonderful relationship between a shepherd and his sheep. My friend was amazed at the amount of information and detail that he was given concerning this relationship. He was immediately reminded of Psalm 23 and the imagery used to describe how God leads His people through life.

As the days passed and the tour drew to a close my friend saw an interesting event unfold outside of Nazareth. Running down the dusty street heading directly towards the tour bus scrambled over 100 distraught sheep. Bleating and screaming, they pushed pedestrians and vehicles to the shoulder. With confusion in his voice my friend abruptly and indignantly enquired of the tour guide: "You told me that the shepherd leads his sheep and that they willingly followed out of trust." "Look at this mess" my friend shouted, "this shepherd is driving the sheep. Were you lying to me about how wonderful the relationship is between a shepherd and the sheep?" The tour guide lowered his sunglasses and peered at my friend with a slight smile and whispered "that is not the shepherd, that is the butcher."

Jesus said, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." (John 10:27) God always leads people! He never drives them and does not use ungodly fear to rule them.

The imagery of God as a shepherd is famous in literature. The 23rd Psalm is frequently referred to as the shepherd's psalm. "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters." This picture comes more clearly into focus in the New Testament. Jesus once told a story about a shepherd who had 100 sheep, but one of them went astray. In our way of thinking a 99% return on our investment would be most desirable, but not to this shepherd. He left the 99 to go in search of that one lost sheep. Later, when Jesus was speaking to a great multitude of people, Mark tells us that he had compassion upon them because they were "as sheep without a shepherd."

Many young people today are like sheep who have no shepherd. They have ignored His warnings, forgotten His voice and now are in desperate need of being found by Him and of coming back into His fold.