

## SERMON NOTES

July 12, 2015

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- Since Jesus said there are others who must enter the flock, we must say... "Here am I send me".

**John 10:16** *I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.*

### **Take it personally... Go and make disciples**

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### **Do you believe this? "I am the resurrection and the life."**

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