

The Gospel of John: Knowing Jesus
Chapter 10 "Jesus - The Good Shepherd"
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Overview: *The Pharisees have rejected Jesus as a sinner, thrown His new disciples out of the Synagogue, and denied their own blindness (9:24, 34, 40). In response, Jesus tells a parable about how a good shepherd differs from Israel's current shepherds, who are no better than hirelings or even thieves. John puts together two discourses in 10:1-21 and 10:22-42 in the study we will explore and discuss them both.*

1 Write down the characteristics of the true or good shepherd, and explain what each one says to you about Jesus:

10:2, 7 _____

10: 3-4, 14 _____

10:10 _____

10:11 _____

2. Who are the robbers and thieves? _____

3. How does a "hired hand" behave and why?

4. Jesus makes two "I AM" statements in chapter 10. What is He claiming about Himself and His identity by calling Himself?

"The Gate" _____

"The Good Shepherd" _____

5. What happens to the sheep who knew and follow the good shepherd?

6. What goal for His mission is Jesus describing in 10:16? _____

7. Why is 10:18 a crucial truth about Jesus? _____

8. What is Jesus point in 10:34-36? _____

9. As in previous studies, what is the evidence that the claims or proclamation of Jesus about Himself is true and not blasphemous (10:37-38)? _____

10. Consider what Jesus does when threatened with imminent death (10:31-32, 39). What does this say about Jesus Character? _____

A time for reflection: What is involved for you to enjoy the relationship of the “Good Shepherd”? _____

How will you apply this study to your life? _____

A time for worship: *Praise Jesus as “the Gate” – the one door to good pasture and abundant life. Praise Jesus as the shepherd who calls His sheep by their name and lays down His life for them. Praise Jesus for having complete control of His life, both to lay it down and to take it up again.*

Join us next week at 7:30

References: *Through the Bible in one year* by Stringfellow, *LifeChange series from the book of John*, *NIV Study Bible* and *NKJV Study Bible*