

**Light & Life - The Book Of John**  
**“The Good Shepherd” John 10:1-42**  
**Cornerstone Church Of Poway**  
**Pastor Ed Turley**  
**November 26, 2023**

**As The Good Shepherd:**

**1. Jesus Has A Personal Relationship With His Sheep**

<sup>1</sup> "I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the **gate**, but climbs in by some other way, is a **thief and a robber**. <sup>2</sup> The man who enters by the gate is the **shepherd of his sheep**. <sup>3</sup> The watchman opens the gate for him, and the **sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out**. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his **sheep follow him because they know his voice. John 10:1-4 (NIV)**

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**2. Jesus Is The Gate That Provides Safety**

<sup>5</sup> But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them. <sup>7</sup> Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, **I am the gate for the sheep**. <sup>8</sup> All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> **I am the gate**; whoever enters through me **will be saved**. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and **have it to the full. John 10:5-10 (NIV)**

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**3. Jesus Lays Down His Life For His Sheep**

<sup>11</sup> "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd **lays down his life for the sheep**. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. <sup>13</sup> The man runs away because he is a **hired hand** and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> "I am the **good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me--** <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father--and **I lay down my life for the sheep. John 10:11-15 (NIV)**

<sup>16</sup> **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**. <sup>17</sup> The reason my Father loves me is that **I lay down my life--only to take it up again**. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but **I lay it down of my own accord**. I have **authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again**. This command I received from my Father."  
**John 10:16-18 (NIV)**

<sup>19</sup> At these words the Jews were again **divided**. <sup>20</sup> Many of them said, "He is demon-possessed and raving mad. Why listen to him?" <sup>21</sup> But others said, "These are not the sayings of a man possessed by a demon. **Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"**  
**John 10:19-21 (NIV)**

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- **The Security of the Believer**

<sup>22</sup> Then came the **Feast of Dedication** at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was in the temple area walking in Solomon's Colonnade. <sup>24</sup> The Jews gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? **If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.**" <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, "**I did tell you**, but you do not believe. **The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me,** <sup>26</sup> but **you do not believe because you are not my sheep.**  
**John 10:22-26 (NIV)**

<sup>27</sup> My sheep **listen to my voice**; I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> **I give them eternal life**, and they shall **never perish**; no one can snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> **I and the Father are one.**" <sup>31</sup> Again the Jews picked up stones to stone him, <sup>32</sup> but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?" <sup>33</sup> "We are not stoning you for any of these," replied the Jews, "but for **blasphemy**, because you, a mere man, **claim to be God.**"  
**John 10:27-33 (NIV)**

- **Jesus quotes from Psalm 82**

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I have said you are gods'?' <sup>35</sup> If he called them 'gods,' to whom the word of God came--and the Scripture cannot be broken--<sup>36</sup> what about the one whom the Father set apart as his very own and sent into the world? Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, '**I am God's Son**'? <sup>37</sup> **Do not believe me unless I do what my Father does.** <sup>38</sup> But if I do it, even though you do not believe me, **believe the miracles, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father.**" **John 10:34-38 (NIV)**

<sup>39</sup> Again they tried to seize him, but he escaped their grasp. <sup>40</sup> Then Jesus went back across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing in the early days. Here he stayed <sup>41</sup> and many people came to him. They said, "Though John never performed a miraculous sign, all that John said about this man was true." <sup>42</sup> **And in that place many believed in Jesus. John 10:39-42 (NIV)**

➤ **Do You Know Jesus As Your Shepherd?**

**My next right step, I will:**

[ ] Accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

[ ] Follow Jesus as my Shepherd.

[ ] Follow Jesus in Believer's Baptism.

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**Small Group Leader:** Choose how many questions that will honor your time commitment. Encourage everyone to participate in either a question, reading or prayer. [If using this as a family, choose 2 -3 questions to go deeper in faith.]

**Big Idea:**

To know Who Jesus is and to place our confident trust in Him as our Lord & Savior.

**Open in Prayer.**

**Icebreaker:** As a child, what was your favorite pet?

**As The Good Shepherd:**

**1. Jesus Has A Personal Relationship With His Sheep**

**Read John 10:1-4**

What do the shepherd, the sheep, and robber represent?

How do the sheep respond to the shepherd?

How does this relate to the pharisees?

How is Jesus unlike them?

**2. Jesus Is The Gate That Provides Safety**

**Read John 10:5-10**

What does Jesus mean by likening himself to the gate of a sheep hold?

Who are these thieves and robbers?

**Read Ezekiel 34:1-6**

What is God's judgment?

What did they fail to do?

How is Jesus different?

Using the analogy of Jesus as our Shepherd, what is an abundant life?

### **3. Jesus Lays Down His Life For His Sheep**

#### **Read John 10:11-15**

How does Jesus identify Himself as the Good Shepherd?

How does Jesus' death relate to his promise in verse 10?

#### **Read John 10:16-18**

Who are the other sheep?

What characterizes the flock?

What final claim does Jesus make in verses 17-18?

What had been the turning point for you in terms of hearing God's voice?

### **Close in Prayer.**

#### **Swindoll's Living Insights New Testament Commentary – John 10**

A good shepherd never allowed his flock to remain in the field as night fell; thieves and wild animals took advantage of darkness to steal and to kill. If the pasture was close enough to the village, the sheep would be driven from the field to a communal pen, which was guarded by a designated keeper. In the morning, shepherds led their sheep out to pasture again. During temperate months, shepherds frequently drove their flocks into the wilderness to find adequate grazing. They always remained with them, camping out under the stars for weeks at a time. As darkness fell each evening, they corralled the flock into a cave or some other natural enclosure and slept at the entrance.

Shepherds frequently worked together and even shared the same enclosure during the night. The following morning the flocks could be easily separated simply by calling them in opposite directions. Author H. V. Morton watched this firsthand during his travels in Israel back in 1934.

Early one morning I saw an extraordinary sight not far from Bethlehem. Two shepherds had evidently spent the night with their flocks in a cave. The sheep were all mixed together and the time had come for the shepherds to go in different directions. One of the shepherds stood some distance from the sheep and began to call. First one, then another, then four or five animals ran towards him; and so on until he had counted his whole flock.