

NIV MEMORY VERSE: John 10:11

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep."

GOSPEL AND LETTERS OF JOHN 10-1**"JESUS, THE GOOD SHEPHERD"
READ John 10:1-42**

1. What was meaningful to you from last week's lecture?

DAY 1 – READ John 10:1-6

2. a. The people of Israel were accustomed to the idea that they were the flock and God was their shepherd. What do these Old Testament Scriptures say?
Psalm 23:1,2

Psalm 95:7

Isaiah 40:11

- b. The religious leaders around Jesus would also be aware of what from these Scriptures?
Jeremiah 23:1-4

Ezekiel 34:10-16

3. From John 10:1-6, list at least four things you learn about the relationship between a shepherd and his sheep.
4. To be known by name suggests an intimate relationship. Why do you think to be known by name is important to us in our interaction with each other, and our relationship to God?

GOSPEL AND LETTERS OF JOHN 10-2

DAY 2 – READ John 10:7-10

5. By what “I AM” term did Jesus describe Himself in today’s reading?
6. Think about the concept of a door/gate . . .
 - a. What is its purpose?
 - b. Psalm 141:3 says, “Keep watch over the door of my lips.” Share your thoughts on that phrase.
 - c. Has it ever been hard for you to knock on either a physical door or the spiritual door? Why or why not? Was the reception what you expected?
 - d. Christians say about opportunity, “God opened or God closed the door.” What “door” would you like God to open for you?
7. a. What promise was given in verse 9?
 - b. Why did Jesus say He had come?
 - c. What does that mean in your life?
8. Remember 1 Peter 3:15. In witnessing, this observation has been made, “If Jesus came to give such an abundant life, why aren’t you better off financially?” What is your response?

DAY 3 – READ John 10:11-21

9. a. A hired hand is a danger to the flock from “within.” Thieves, robbers and wolves attack the flock from “without.” Compare/contrast the characteristics of the Good Shepherd and the hired hand.

Good Shepherd

Hired Hand

- b. To what would thieves, robbers and wolves compare today?

GOSPEL AND LETTERS OF JOHN 10-3

DAY 3 (Continued) – READ John 10:11-21

10. Cite several points Jesus made about His death.

11. Read Ephesians 2:11-18. How would the “other sheep” be brought into Jesus’ one flock?

DAY 4 – READ John 10:22-30

12. What did the Jews ask Jesus to do?

13. a. What evidence have they had?

b. What reason did Jesus give for their unbelief?

14. Jesus told them again about being the “Good Shepherd.” What new thoughts did He include in today’s reading?

15. (IN-DEPTH) Recall other Scriptures from your Bible knowledge that tell of security in Christ.

DAY 5 – READ John 10:31-42

16. For what reason did the Jews try to stone Jesus?

17. In what did Jesus tell them to believe if not in Him?

18. a. Eluding arrest once more, Jesus returned across the Jordan. What reception did He receive?

b. Jesus returned to a place where John the Baptist had been effective in ministry. What groundwork have you prepared for Jesus to continue His work?

GOSPEL AND LETTERS OF JOHN 10-4

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John 10:1-42

LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: