

The Good Shepherd – John 10:1-21

The Good Shepherd enters the sheepfold by the door and the sheep know His voice.

The Good Shepherd is the door of the sheep and gives abundant life to the sheep.

The Good Shepherd knows His sheep and lays down His life for them.

Questions for Discussion & Application:

1. What was surprising, confusing, or helpful from today's passage?
2. Who or what is meant by the sheep, the shepherd, the gate, and the thief/robber in this metaphor?
3. See Ezekiel 34:2-4 for more insight on the thieves/robbers. What does verse 10 teach us that the thief aims to do? What are some modern-day examples of this reality?
4. According to verse 10 what has the Good Shepherd come to give the sheep? How are you experiencing this now (John 17:3)? How will you experience fully in the future (Psalm 23:6)?
5. What characterizes a "hired hand" in verses 12-13? In Philippians 2:19-30 who is seen to be a church leader that is better than a "hired hand"?
6. How does it personally encourage you to know Jesus is your Good Shepherd who laid down His life for you?

Memory Verse: John 10:11

Passage to Look at for Next Week: John 10:22-42