

➤ Unit 10 - 1 (v 1-18): Jesus Is the Good Shepherd

A. Daily Study

10 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. ¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

[✍] In-depth Questions

1. What’s the difference between how a shepherd and a thief enter the sheep pen? (v 1-2)
2. How do the sheep and the shepherd recognize each other? (v 3-4)

- The shepherd knows each sheep and call by name while the sheep recognize their shepherd by the voice
3. Why do the sheep not follow a stranger? (v 5)
 - Because they do not recognize the stranger's voice
 4. Why did Jesus use this figure to the disciples? (v 6) – See Mat 10:29-33
 - He wanted to teach He is the true shepherd
 5. Who is Jesus in this parable? (v 7)
 - The door of the sheep
 6. Who could be those thieves and robbers? (v 8)
 - False prophets and doctrines; whoever claimed there are other ways of salvation
 7. What would happen when anyone enters through Jesus? (v 9)
 - The person will be saved and go in and out and find pasture
 - How could we interpret this verse?
 8. What is the purpose of the thief and Jesus comes into the sheep pen? (v 10)
 - Thief - To steal, kill, and destroy
 - Jesus - To give life and have it abundantly
 9. What would the hired shepherd do when he sees wolf? (v 12)
 - He leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.
 10. Who is Jesus, and what would He do? (v 14-15)
 - Jesus is the good shepherd and would die for His sheep
 11. Who would be 'other sheep?' (v 16)
 - Gentile; all nations other than Jews
 12. What does 'they will listen to my voice' mean? (v 16)

- Gentiles will also hear the Gospel of salvation

13. What does 'one flock, one shepherd?' (v 16) – See 1 Cor 12:13

- For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

14. What does 'I lay down my life that I may take it up again' mean? (v 17)

- Jesus' death and resurrection

15. What kind of authority does Jesus have? (v 18)

- "...to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

B. Today's Chal-Q

- ◆ How can you hear the voice of Jesus Christ?

❖ Today's Memory Verse

John 10:10 – "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." (ESV)

C. Christian Doctrine Lesson

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