

I AM JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD (Part 5)

Small Group Discussion

This Discussion Guide is prepared to help believers apply the truths of Scripture to life. As you prepare, make sure you have read the Scripture text and listened to the Sermon. If you missed the Sermon, go to www.experienceliberty.org and select the Sermon title listed above.

Sermon Bible Verses: [John 10:10-18, 27-30](#)

Illustration: An American, who was travelling in Syria, saw three native shepherds bring their flocks to the same brook, and the flocks drank there together. At length one shepherd arose and called out "Men-ah! Men-ah!" the Arabic for "Follow me." His sheep came out of the common herd and followed him up the hillside. Then the next shepherd did the same, and his sheep went away with him, and the man did not even stop to count them. The traveler said to the remaining shepherd--"Just give me your turban and crook and see if they will not follow me as soon as you," So he put on the shepherd's dress and called out "Men-ah! Men-ah!" but not a sheep moved. "They know not the voice of a stranger." "Will your flock never follow anybody but you?" inquired the gentleman. The Syrian shepherd replied, "Oh, yes; sometimes a sheep gets sick and then he will follow anyone." Is it not so with the flock of Christ?

John 10:10 *The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

- A thief can accomplish three things in our spiritual life: steal, kill and destroy. Consider a thief as a false teacher and describe three effects incorrect doctrine/dogma might do to your Christian walk.
- How does a thief steal from us? Is it quietly with stealth or loudly with obviousness? What have you experienced personally?
- What does an abundant life look like for a Christian compared to the world's interpretation? How is it in order to have an abundant life, we must first die?

John 10: 11-13 *I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep.*

- Consider the pharisees. Would you think of them as hirelings? Why or why not?
- Name three adjectives that describe a hireling. How is the hired hand different from the shepherd? How is the hired hand like/different the thief?
- Do you think there are any "hirelings" working in the church today?
- We all have busy lives. Have you ever, due to lack of time or interest, left another sheep or fellow Christian, fleeing from their troubles?

John 10:14 *I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep and am known by My own.*

- Christ reiterates, He is the good shepherd in this verse. How intimate is the knowledge Jesus has of us?
- As Christians, we are His sheep. What in your life gives evidence of this relationship? Do you have an intimate relationship with Jesus?



John10:27 *My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.*

- Describe the last time you explicitly heard God telling you something. Discuss different ways and avenues God has used to speak to you.
- This good shepherd gave His life for the sheep. Can you fathom this willingness of sacrifice considering our sinfulness? Would you suffer and die for another? Consider the four points below:
 1. FORESAW THAT HE SHOULD DIE FOR THE SHEEP.
 2. WILLINGLY ACCEPTED TO DIE FOR THE SHEEP
 3. DIED IN PLACE OF THE SHEEP.
 4. DIED ON BEHALF OF THE SHEEP

Sermon Points:

1. Jesus The Good Shepherd
2. Jesus knows His sheep
3. His sheep know Jesus

Jesus changes the script
---Pastor Matt Burrell---