

The Gospel of John
Lesson 11 Study
Chapter 10: 1- 42



In the previous chapter (John 9), the Lord had confronted the Jewish leaders about spiritual darkness and light after they had excommunicated the former blind man. In Chapter 10, Jesus uses the image of the shepherd and the sheep to further illustrate to these same leaders who He is and what He was sent here to do. Do they hear Jesus' voice? Do you hear Jesus' voice and follow?

Memory Verse: ***My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. (John 10:27-28)***

To start this lesson, read John 10:1-41. Then **re-read John 10:1-21.**

1. Have you ever followed anyone in the past? What was the outcome? _____

2. What does Jesus mean when he says He is like a door into the sheepfold (vv 7-9)?

3. In what way have you experienced Jesus like this kind of door? _____

4. Jesus refers to the Jewish leaders as thieves (v 1,10). Who would Jesus consider as thieves today? _____

5. When Jesus refers to Himself as the "good shepherd" what does He mean? How is He like a good shepherd? (vv 11-16) _____

6. In what ways has Jesus been a Good Shepherd" to you? _____

7. What is the main lesson from Verses 1-21? How will you apply this to your life?

Next, read John 10:22-30.

8. Jesus resumes His teaching again around the time we know as Hanukkah in Jerusalem. What questions do His enemies _____confront Him (v 24) with and how does He answer (vv 25-26)?

9. Was Jesus repeating a lesson to the leaders who were asking if He was the Messiah (v 25)? Why didn't they believe Him (v 26)?_____

10. What identifies someone who is Christ's true sheep? (v 27)_____

11. What assurance do Christ's sheep have that they belong to Him (v 28)?_____

12. In Verses 29-30, Jesus adds something else as another guarantee that His sheep belong to Him. What is it?_____

*"This passage shows at one and the same time the tremendous trust and the tremendous claim of Jesus...He was so certain of ultimate safety and ultimate victory, not because he claimed all power to be his, but because he assigned all power to God."
William Barclay*

13. The reaction to Jesus' teachings were rather violent but certain people. Who were these people and why did they reject the teaching "I and the Father are one"? (v30-33)._____

14. What is the main lesson from Verses 22-30? How will you apply this to your life?

Next, read John 10:31-42.

15. What was the reaction of the Jewish leaders who were listening (v 31-32)? _____

16. How did Jesus respond to their violent wishes (v 32, 34-38)? _____

17. In Verses 34-38, Jesus is telling them that if in the Old Testament, the false leaders were called “gods,” then why was it blasphemy when Jesus referred to Himself as God’s Son?

18. In Verses 37-39, Jesus tells these leaders that if they cannot believe Jesus’ words, then what can they believe in? _____

19. What was the reaction of these leaders to Jesus’ words (v 39)? _____

20. What happened to Jesus and where did He go? (vv39-40) _____

21. Although the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem did not believe Jesus, at the end of this chapter, who did? (v 42)

22. What encouragement does this give you for sharing the Gospel with others? _____

23. What is the main lesson from Verses 31-42? How will you apply this to your life?

24. ***Special Thought:*** If you were to summarize the message of John 10:1-42 in one sentence, what would you say? _____
