



SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“JOHN 10:1-21”

CONNECT

How did last week's passage we read/discussed affect your week?

DISCOVER

John 10:1-21 In this passage, Jesus takes a teaching moment to make it clear exactly WHO He is and WHY He stepped from heaven to earth for a time – He is The Good Shepherd! What does this mean to/for you? Do you know Jesus as A shepherd or as YOUR Shepherd? How much does this matter? By the time you have read, studied, and heard teaching on this passage, that will hopefully be much clearer to you!

In John 10, Jesus speaks passionately, using the words, “Truly, truly” for emphasis: He describes Himself as first the Gate/Door and then as the Good Shepherd, using the example of the responsibility of a shepherd for his sheep and the relationship between a sheep and his/her shepherd.

- RECONSTRUCT Jesus' teaching about the sheep, the shepherd, the sheepfold, the gate – describe how He used every part, every 'character', every situation to teach WHO HE WAS. Reconstruct EVERY aspect as though you are the teacher!
 - What was the nature of each of the characters – their defining characteristics and their function in the story?
 - What would you imagine was going through the heads of the various people in the 'audience' – the disciples? The religious leaders? The other Jews? Any Gentiles?
- Jesus presented several FACTS about WHO He is, WHO and WHAT is important to Him, and what His PURPOSE on this earth is this passage: What are those facts, and which is most significant for you right now?
- Considering the entire passage what adjectives would you use to describe Jesus' teaching?
- Do you see Jesus as A good shepherd, or as YOUR Good Shepherd? What does that difference look like in your life?

As we have been studying the Book of John, we have talked about how John gives us the _____, then he asks us to _____ those facts and to _____ to Jesus. He then assures us that we will find LIFE. Jesus goes a step further in this passage.....He speaks of ABUNDANT life!

- What IS 'abundant life'? Where is it found? What does it look like in a person's life? What does it look like in your life?
- Jason made a statement something like this: “The MORE we submit to Him, surrender to Him, and come to know Him better, the MORE ABUNDANT LIFE we find.” He also said, “If you want MORE of God in your life, you need to remove some of YOU.” How do those words play out in your life? How do they challenge you to look more closely at your purpose in life....your priorities in life....your role as a sheep following the lead of the Good Shepherd?

Turn to Psalm 23. Read it phrase by phrase, stopping after EACH phrase to ask “How?” and “Why?”. Ex. The Lord is my Shepherd.....How is He my Shepherd? Why is He my Shepherd? I shall not want.....HOW will I not be in want? Why?, etc. By the end of doing this, you will surely know how much He loves you!

RESPOND

- How does this passage encourage you, challenge you, or change you in your efforts to become more like Jesus?
- What is one thing you learned about yourself from God's Word? How will you respond in obedience this week?
- Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you at a CU Church gathering.



CHURCH

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE

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PRAY

... for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.