

Sermon Listening Guide (August 23, 2026)

Scripture: John 10:1-18

Sermon Title: “The Good Shepherd”

First Thoughts

One purpose of the Bible is to bring great comfort to a troubled people.
In reading the Bible, we are reminded of his promises and faithfulness.

Jesus Knows His Sheep

In John 10, Jesus lectures the Pharisees who were not leading the people well.
To make his point, he calls himself The Good Shepherd.
The shepherd motif is used many, many times throughout the Bible.
If you claim him as shepherd, are you following him and his Word?

Jesus Guards His Sheep

The exhausted and scared people of Israel are especially loved by Jesus.
While false shepherds come to steal, kill, and destroy, Jesus comes to bring abundant life.
What does Jesus mean when he calls himself “the gate” in verse 7?
John 10 was written, in part, to warn people of religious leaders that are false shepherds.
Beware of false shepherds.

Jesus Dies for His Sheep

Jesus draws a contrast between hired hands and the true Good Shepherd.
Jesus says members of his flock can distinguish his voice from the voice of others.
Finally, Jesus lays down his life for his flock.
In giving his life for his sheep, Jesus shows he is the most committed type of shepherd.

Conclusion

As we celebrate the Good Shepherd, we celebrate the life he calls us to.
Are you following him closely today?
How has following Jesus changed you?
How can you identify a follower of Jesus?