



Small Group Study Questions

Sermon on November 19th, 2023 - Week 10

John 10:1-18 (NASB)

10 “Truly, truly I say to you, the one who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, he is a thief and a robber. 2 But the one who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep listen to his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he puts all his own sheep outside, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 However, a stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers.” 6 Jesus told them this figure of speech, but they did not understand what the things which He was saying to them meant.

7 So Jesus said to them again, “Truly, truly I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All those who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door; if anyone enters through 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 so that they would 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 is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters the flock. 13 He flees because he is a hired hand and does not care about the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd, and 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; and they will become one flock, with one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it back. 18 No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it back. This commandment I received from My Father.”

John 10:22-30 (NASB)

22 At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem; 23 it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple area, in the portico of Solomon. 24 The Jews then surrounded Him and began saying to Him, “How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.” 25 Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father’s name, these testify of Me. 26 But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep. 27 My sheep listen to My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; 28 and I give them eternal life, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. 30 I and the Father are one.”

DIGGING DEEPER

What do you know about sheep? Share any stories you may have or have heard of.

Read John 10:7-18

How does it feel to be compared to sheep?

Jesus describes himself as the door and the Good Shepherd. How do these two designations relate to our salvation?

In verse 10, Jesus mentions giving life abundantly. How do you understand the concept of abundant life in the context of this passage?

Jesus speaks about having other sheep not of this fold (10:16). Who might these "other sheep" represent, and how does this reflect the inclusivity of God's plan of salvation?

Read John 10:22-30

Jesus mentions that he knows his sheep and his sheep know him (10:27). What does Jesus know about his followers?

DIGGING DEEPER

How does the personal knowledge that Jesus has of his followers impact your spiritual life?

Jesus asserts that no one can snatch his sheep out of his hand (10:28). How does this relate to other passages of scripture?

Why do you think the people react the way they do to Jesus' statements about his identity (vs 30)?

What comfort do you have this week knowing that Jesus is your Good Shepherd?

TAKING IT HOME

PRAYER REQUEST

