

Sermon: Our Good Shepherd
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Scripture: John 9:35-41, John 10:1-11 (CSB)

John 9:35-41

35 Jesus heard that they had thrown the man out, and when he found him, he asked, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" 36 "Who is he, Sir, that I may believe in him?" he asked. 37 Jesus answered, "You have seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." 38 "I believe, Lord!" he said, and he worshiped him. 39 Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, in order that those who do not see will see and those who do see will become blind." 40 Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard these things and asked him, "We aren't blind too, are we?" 41 "If you were blind," Jesus told them, "you wouldn't have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

John 10:1-11

10 "Truly I tell you, anyone who doesn't enter the sheep pen by the gate but climbs in some other way is a thief and a robber. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought all his own outside, he goes ahead of them. The sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 They will never follow a stranger; instead they will run away from him, because they don't know the voice of strangers." 6 Jesus gave them this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them. 7 Jesus said again, "Truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep didn't listen to them. 9 I am the gate. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. 10 A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance. 11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

SERMON POINTS:

1. We must desperately acknowledge our need for the Shepherd.
2. We must obey the voice of the Shepherd.
3. We must never become accustomed to the grace of the Shepherd.
4. We must never believe the voice of the thief.