



John 10:1-21 ESV

¹“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”

⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.

⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

¹¹I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,

¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

¹⁹There was again a division among the Jews because of these words. ²⁰Many of them said, “He has a demon, and is insane; why listen to him?” ²¹Others said, “These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

I am the Shepherd of the sheep... but there are dangers and imposters!

(10:1-5)

→ No relationship!

- 1) *thieves and robbers* (1,10) – take away what is yours.
 - 2) *strangers* (5) – no relationship or care. Don’t know you.
 - 3) *hired hands* (12-13) – no relationship. Flees at danger.
 - 4) *wolves* (12) – designed to kill.
- > *steal, kill, destroy* (10) – instead of bringing life
Also see Galatians 1:6; 2:4; Jude 4; 2 Peter 2:1

Jesus our Shepherd protects us 3 ways:

1. Jesus our Shepherd protects through relationship!

(10:1-5, 14)

> He calls by name (3, Isa.40:26f); they hear His voice (3); He leads and goes before them (3,4); they follow, knowing His voice (4,5); He knows us, we know Him (14)

2. Jesus our Shepherd protects by laying down His life! (10:7-13)

> He is the Door: they are abundantly safe, saved, and fed (7-10); He lays down His life (11-13); He is the owner of the sheep (12); He protects and cares for the sheep (13)

3. Jesus our Shepherd protects by...

working together with our Father! (10:14-18)

> Our relationship with the Shepherd reflects the Father and Son’s relationship. (v.14-15)
> Gentiles will be saved too and form one new flock! (v.16. Isa. 49:6; Acts 10:34-35; Rev. 5:9)
> Our relationship is designed and brought by the Father and Son! (v.18; 5:20; Isa. 53:7-8,12; Heb 2:9)

Abide in the Word this week...

--- *Jesus is Your Good Shepherd!* ---

February 11, 2024 – John 10:1-21

SUNDAY after church...

Think through your morning and: 1) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you were able to give!
2) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you received! 3) List songs or lyrics that touched your heart.

MONDAY

READ: See the John 10:1-18. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** From these verses, write out what thieves, robbers, hirelings, or strangers take from you. List illustrations. How does 10:19-21 illustrate this very thing? How does this guide you on how to listen to the Internet.

PRAY: Pray over your applications.

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

READ: John 10:1-18. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** In your own words, write out how this passage describes “relationship” between us and our Good Shepherd. If the Opposition tries to destroy this, it must be important. Why is relationship with Christ so important? How does it “differ” from simply “being a Christian”? How does this look in your own life? **PRAY:** Pray over your applications.

THURSDAY

READ: See John 10:1-21. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** From looking back at Jesus’ life in chapters 1-9 and the following chapters of John, what is coming for these early believers? Why is 10:1-18 so vital for them? As we see things get darker in our world, how do these verses and points on the front, help you to live our Christian life abundantly? **PRAY:** Pray over these lessons!

FRIDAY

READ: John 10:1-18. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** Write out what truth from this study has God used in your heart?

PRAY: Pray over your applications!

SATURDAY

Prepare your heart for Sunday’s gathering by being ready to fully engage in the worship.

Pray – ask the Lord to show you people to encourage!