

Big idea: Jesus' death on our behalf changed everything, forever.

I. What we've seen in chapter 10...

A. Chapter 10 CONTINUES the story of chapter 9

B. The characteristics of a good SHEPHERD

1. KNOWS the sheep intimately
2. CALLS the sheep by name
3. LEADS and nurtures the sheep
4. PROVIDES all the sheep need
 - LIFE = Spiritual, eternal = SALVATION
 - ABUNDANT = Daily, temporal = OBEDIENCE

II. The Shepherd who loves the sheep

A. The CONTRAST between shepherds

A shepherd in Israel

- Could die, NOT planned
- Shepherd dies = DISASTER
- LIVE for the sheep

The Good Shepherd Jesus

- Will die, WAS planned
- His death brings LIFE to sheep
- DIE for the sheep

B. The PERFECTIONS of our Shepherd vs. 11-18

1. The SACRIFICE he willingly makes vs. 11-13
 - He is GOOD

- He LAYS DOWN his life
 - The most IMPORTANT word in the Bible = HUPER
 - The DEATH Jesus died
 - ⇒ VICARIOUS
 - ⇒ SUBSTITUTIONARY/PENAL
 - ⇒ ATONEMENT
- } VOLUNTARY

2. The KNOWLEDGE of the Shepherd vs. 14-16

- The ONLY one who knows
- A RELATIONSHIP like no other
- The OTHERS brought in

3. The SOVEREIGNTY of the Shepherd vs. 17-18

- Jesus is never a VICTIM
- DEATH was the means of RESURRECTION

C. The RESPONSE vs. 19-21

III. What we take away...

Jesus died on the cross so that we might have a relationship with God and enjoy and delight in him forever!