



The Door & The Good Shepherd

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Shepherd/Flock Imagery in the Bible:

- In the Old Testament...
 - **God** is often pictured as the shepherd and the people as His flock
Psalm 23:1, 77:20, 79:13, 80:1, 95:7
 - God's Anointed One, the **Messiah**, is also pictured as the shepherd of the sheep
Isaiah 40:11; Micah 5:4; Ezekiel 34:11-12, 22
 - The **leaders** of the people are described as the shepherds of God's people and nation
Jeremiah 23:1; Ezekiel 34:1
- The New Testament writers also used the same familiar terminology to describe the **Church**
Acts 20:28-29; 1 Peter 5:2-3

Jesus as the Door - understanding the metaphor:

John 10:1-6

- A door creates a _____
John 7:43, 9:16, 10:19, 16:18-25; Luke 12:51-52
- A door means a _____
Isaiah 53:6; Acts 2:37-38; Romans 3:10-18, 23, 10:9-10; John 3:16-18

The Relationship between Jesus, The Good Shepherd, and His Sheep:

John 10:1-16

- The Good Shepherd **owns** His sheep
John 10:3-4, 14, 26-27, 17:2, 6, 9, 24; 1 John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, 7:1; Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 1:18-19
- The Good Shepherd _____ His sheep
John 10:14-15, 17:3; Psalm 139:1-3; 2 Timothy 2:19
- The Good Shepherd _____ His sheep
John 10:3-5; Acts 2:39; Romans 1:6, 8:30, 9:24; 1 Peter 2:9; John 1:35-43
- The Good Shepherd **cares** for and **protects** His sheep
Psalm 22, 24, 23:1, 4, 6; Matthew 6:25-34; 1 Peter 6:7; Philippians 4:19
- The Good Shepherd _____ His flock
John 10:16, 11:51-52; Matthew 10:5-6; Ephesians 2:11-16



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What does this mean for me?

- Four practical lessons from the shepherd-sheep metaphor

1. _____

Psalm 23:1; John 15:5

2. _____

John 10:27, 14:15, 23-24; 1 John 2:3; James 1:22;

2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21

3. _____

John 10:16; Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 3:13, 10:24-25

4. _____

John 10:11; Psalm 23:4; Ephesians 6:10-18

- **BONUS!**

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John 20-21, 21:15-17; Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8

Memory Verse:

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

John 10:9 ESV

My next step today is to...

- Memorize John 10:9
- Repent and accept Jesus as my Savior and submit to His Lordship for the first time!
- Go public as a follower of Jesus and get **baptized**
- Plan to get alone and in a quiet place to "listen" for the Shepherd's voice
- Daily depend on Jesus for _____
- _____

Reflection Questions:

- How do I personally recognize the voice of the Good Shepherd in my life?
- What distractions make it harder for me to hear and follow Him?
- What area of my life do I most need to surrender to and trust Jesus?
- Which side of the door am I on? If I've not entered yet, what specifically is holding me back?
- What would it look like for me to strengthen my connection to "the flock" (community)?
- How can I be a better friend and encourager of others?
- How have I experienced Jesus' peace/protection this past week? Where do I need it most right now?
- How could I participate in the Shepherd's mission to reach and care for others this week?
- What is one practical next step I sense the Shepherd leading me to take today?