

# John 10

## The Good Shepherd

Welcome back and here we go!

Today as we continue in the book of John, we will look at two concepts: Jesus as the Good Shepherd and Abundant Life, a life that has “a river of life pouring out of it.” Do you feel like you are living such a life? If not, how come?

In Chapter 10, Jesus uses “I Am” twice.

I Am the door of the sheep.  
I Am the Good Shepherd.

As we have discussed, John really is sharing the Deity of Christ --- Jesus is God!

***Ezekiel 34:1-10***

***Zachariah 13:7***

The bible clearly talks about shepherds in a positive and also a negative light. Some are good. Some are not. The criteria is plain. I think what is interesting is the original sheep that were scattered would end up being the shepherds.

***John 10:1-20***

- 1) What makes for a good shepherd?

So, obviously, this is a very personal and intense study for me. As the shepherd of this flock I need to meet all of these qualifications. It is the most important thing I do --- Shepherd this flock.

Good Shepherd Qualities - 8 Qualities of a Good Shepherd

Boundaries --- Example --- Trustworthy --- Provision ---  
Sacrificial --- Invested --- Relational --- Visionary

***Jeremiah 23:1-6***

***Ezekiel 34:11-24***

Jesus is that promised Good Shepherd. The #1 thing a Good Shepherd does is point to Jesus --- the True Shepherd. That is the ultimate care, leading people to green pastures, a life filled with Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

***John 10:1-9***

- 2) What does it mean Jesus is the door to the sheepfold?

Jesus is our entrance into heaven and eternal life.

There is no other way. Once you have accepted Christ you come under His care. He laid down His life for you.

***John 10:11***

Jesus states "I Am" the Good Shepherd. The Jews knew exactly what that meant. Again, Jesus is stating that He is God.

But first... ***John 10:10***

3) What has the thief stolen from you?

Many times we actually facilitate and let the thief in. We open the door through addictions, resentments, unforgiveness, lust, bitterness, greed, and anger!

4) How have you given the enemy access?

As a good shepherd it is important for me to help you find how you got off the path, to get you back on the path, and then feed you and lead you well. If I do, and if you do your part --- follow --- you will find knowledge, discernment, and peace.

5) How is your life more abundant today?

Over and over Jesus says, I lay down my life.

***John 10:10-18***

We also must lay down our lives.

***Luke 9:23-26***

Following Jesus has a cost. It is your life. If you want abundant life, you must first give up your life. This is what I teach.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd. I hope to be a good shepherd. Each of us are teaching others about what it means to be a Christian.

6) Who are you teaching and what are they learning from you?