

October 21, 2018  
John 10:11-18

## JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

### I. Introduction:

<sup>11</sup> “I am **the** good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” John 10:11

Not a shepherd  
Not a good shepherd  
BUT: I am **THE** Good Shepherd

### II. Qualities That Make Jesus THE Good Shepherd:

#### A. The Good Shepherd’s Commitment: Vs. 11-13

##### 1. Sacrifice Provided (vs. 11)

<sup>11</sup> “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd **lays down his life** for the sheep.

##### 2. Selfish Protection: (vs. 12-13)

<sup>12</sup> The **hired hand** is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, **he abandons the sheep and runs away**. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. <sup>13</sup> The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

## **B. The Good Shepherd's Care: Vs. 14-18**

### **1. The Savior's Plan: Vs. 14-16**

<sup>14</sup> "I am the good shepherd; **I know my sheep and my sheep know me**—<sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.<sup>16</sup> **I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also.** They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

### **2. The Shepherd's Power: (Vs. 17-18)**

<sup>17</sup> The reason my Father loves me is **that I lay down my life—only to take it up again.**<sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, **but I lay it down of my own accord.** I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

## **III. Conclusion And Application:**

**Do I Know The Shepherd?**

**POINTS TO PONDER**  
**Week of October 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**John 10:1-21**

**Open It**

1. \*What person or group did you and your friends "follow" when you were a teenager?
2. What qualities do the best friends possess?

**Explore It**

3. Who did Jesus say was a thief and a robber? (10:1)
4. What kind of relationship do sheep have with their shepherd? (10:2-4)
5. \*Why won't sheep follow a stranger? (10:5)
6. What effect did Jesus' words have on His audience? (10:6)
7. What did Jesus say He was? (10:7)
8. To whom did Jesus say the sheep did not listen? (10:8)
9. What did Jesus say would be the result of entering through Him? (10:9)
- 10.\*How did Jesus contrast His coming with the coming of a thief? (10:10)
11. Who did Jesus claim to be? (10:11)
12. Why did Jesus say the hired hand would abandon his sheep? (10:12-13)

13. What type of relationship did Jesus say He had with His sheep? (10:14)
14. \*What did Jesus say He did for His sheep? (10:15)
15. What did Jesus say He had? (10:16)
16. Why did Jesus say the Father loved Him? (10:17-18)
17. What effect did Jesus' words have on the Jews who heard Him speak? (10:19-21)

### **Get It**

18. In what way is Jesus like a gate?
19. How has Jesus been a gate in your life?
20. \*In what way is Jesus like a shepherd?
21. How are we like sheep?
22. In what way is Jesus your shepherd?
23. How would you describe your relationship with Jesus?
24. \*How can we better hear the voice of Jesus?
25. What tempts people to follow a stranger? Why?
26. How has Jesus made your life full?

### **Apply It**

27. How can you develop a more intimate relationship with Jesus this week?
28. \*How can you be more attentive to the voice of Jesus?