

THE GOOD SHEPHERD & HIS FLOCK

JOHN 10:1-18

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He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. (Isa. 40:11)

Central Truth: Jesus is the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His flock that they may have abundant life in Him.

1. The Good Shepherd _____ His flock (v. 1-6)

- By His _____
- By _____ before _____

2. The Good Shepherd _____ for His flock (v. 7-10)

- He provides the _____ to _____
- He provides _____ to _____
- He provides _____ that is _____

3. The Good Shepherd _____ for His flock (v. 11-15)

- He _____ Himself to _____ His sheep
- He _____ His life to _____ His sheep life
- He _____ of Himself to _____ & _____ for His sheep

4. The Good Shepherd _____ others for His flock (v. 16-18)

- He _____ them in by His _____
- He _____ His Father's _____

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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.

² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. ¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He 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. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, **continued on back**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are for further study and application of today's text of Scripture. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. One of the best ways to grow as a disciple is by discussing these types of questions in a small group. Find a small group here: gracebiblecw.com/lifegroup or ask someone next to you if you can join their group!

¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And 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. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No 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."

- 1) **Listening to the Shepherd:** In a world full of competing voices — television, podcasts, social media, friends, and family — how can we routinely listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd?
- 2) **Abundant Life:** In what ways have you experienced the abundant life Jesus speaks of in verse 10 in your own life?
- 3) **God's Protection:** Are there times you can look back on in your life where you can see the ways that God cared for and protected you from deceptive influences that would have brought you harm?
- 4) **Known by Jesus:** How does it make you feel to know that Jesus intimately knows you — not just generally, but specifically? In what ways does that impact how you think about His laying down His life for you?
- 5) **Seeking the Lost:** How is the Good Shepherd continuing to reach people and bring them into His flock? Who are people you know who need to hear about this Good Shepherd?
- 6) **Praying for Church Leaders:** In what ways can you commit to pray for your pastors and elders, that they would be faithful reflections of the Chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ?