

## John 10: 1 - 5

Joh 10:1 "I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. Joh 10:2 The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. Joh 10:3 The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. Joh 10:4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. Joh 10:5 But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice."

1. In verse 1 & 2, what two different people does Jesus draw a contrast between?
2. What is the difference in the way the sheep are treated by these different people?
3. What are the two different ways that a person (shepherd or herdsman) can get animals to move in a certain direction? What do both methods imply?
4. In verse 3 & 4, what do we learn about Jesus' method as a shepherd?
5. What does that teach about our responsibility as sheep?
6. In verse 5, who are the strangers? Who will follow the stranger's voice?
7. What will happen to the sheep who follow the stranger?

## John 10: 6 - 10

Joh 10:6 Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them. Joh 10:7 Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, **I am the gate for the sheep**. Joh 10:8 All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. Joh 10:9 I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and **find pasture**. Joh 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full

1. In verse 7, when Jesus says that He is the Gate, He is using an analogy that was common during that time. What shepherding practice do you think Jesus is referring to?
2. In verse 9, Jesus is using the pasture as an analogy for what?
3. In verse 10, who is the thief?
4. In verse 10, why did Jesus say that He has come? What does the phrase "to the full" mean in this context?

## John 10: 11 - 21

Joh 10:11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. Joh 10:12 The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns 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. Joh 10:13 The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. Joh 10:14 "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me-- Joh 10:15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father-- and I lay down my life for the sheep. Joh 10:16 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. Joh 10:17 The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life-- only to take it up again. Joh 10:18 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." Joh 10:19 At these words the Jews were again divided. Joh 10:20 Many of them said, "He is demon-possessed and raving mad. Why listen to him?" Joh 10:21 But others said, "These are not the sayings of a man possessed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

1. In verse 11, what does Jesus say qualifies one as a good shepherd?
2. Did Jesus die on the cross yet?
3. Did Jesus prove that He is a good shepherd?
4. In verse 11, what is the difference between Jesus say "the" good shepherd as opposed to "a" good shepherd?
5. In verse 12-13, what is the difference between an owner and someone who is hired?
6. In verse 15, what is Jesus saying again about his love for the sheep?
7. In verse 16, who is Jesus talking to and who are the other sheep?
8. In verse 17, what is Jesus telling the people in advance?
9. In verse 18, what is Jesus saying about His future death and resurrection?
10. In verse 19-21, how did the people respond to Jesus' teaching?