



The Good Shepherd

Series: Gospel of John, #21

John 10:1-42

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Theme: **The Good Shepherd provides abundant life for His sheep.**

The work of the Good Shepherd.

1. He sacrificed Himself for His sheep. (11, 15-18)
2. He calls all His sheep to Himself. (3, 16)

The responses to the Good Shepherd.

1. By those who are not His sheep. (25-26, 31-42)
2. By those who are His sheep. (3-5, 7-9, 14-15, 27-29)

The benefits to the Good Shepherd's sheep.

1. Salvation. (9, 28)
2. Safety. (4, 9, 28-29)
3. Satisfaction. (9-10, 14-15)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. List the thoughts and pictures that come to your mind when you think about this. Now read John 10:1-21 and compare your list to what Jesus says about Himself as the Good Shepherd.

Tuesday. Check the outline and references on the work of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In order to provide abundant life for us, our Good Shepherd sacrificed Himself for us, and calls us to Himself. A shepherd sacrificing himself or his sheep is a rarity and difficult to grasp. The Good Shepherd is God the Son, and yet He did sacrifice Himself for us. Thank Him now.

Wednesday. Jesus tells us His sheep recognize His voice and follow Him, while those who are not do not (check the outline). As we noted on Sunday, we cannot understand all that is involved in God's sovereign call of us and our responsible response to His call. We know these go together and they demonstrate His love and sovereignty as well as our freedom and responsibility. God wants people to hear His call through you. How and what are you doing about this?

Thursday. There are at least three benefits to being one of the Good Shepherd's sheep noted in this chapter: salvation, safety and satisfaction. Check the outline and references. Thank God for these benefits—they *are* yours as a believer. Don't let Satan's forces bind you with questions and doubts about them. Does your life reflect genuine appreciation for these benefits?

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at Jesus "I am" statement, "I am the resurrection and the life" from 11:1 through 12:15. Read and think through this section in preparation for our time together.