

The Good Shepherd, John 10:1-21, Pastor Stan Tyson

1. Three threads come together in this passage.
 - a. Controversy from chapter 8 extends into chapter 9 and 10.
 - b. Seven “I Am” statements
 - i. Bread of life (Jn 6:35)
 - ii. Light of the world. (Jn 8:12)
 - iii. Door (Jn 10:9)
 - iv. Good shepherd (Jn 10:11)
 - v. Resurrection and life (Jn 11:25)
 - vi. Way, truth and life (Jn 14:6)
 - vii. True vine (Jn 15:1)
 - c. The Good Shepherd
 - i. Provides S_____ (prioritizes salvation) (Jn 10:1-2)
 - ii. Lives as an E_____ (Jn 10:4)
 - iii. Is T_____ (Jn 10:4)
 - iv. P_____ for needs (Jn 10:9)
 - v. S_____ attitude (Jn 10: 11, 15, 17-18)
 - vi. I_____ in the well-being of sheep (Jn 10:12-15)
 - vii. R_____ bond (Jn 10:14)
 - viii. V_____ leader (Jn 10:16)
2. What can we learn from this passage?
 - a. We learn a whole lot about Jesus
 - b. We learn to be a shepherd disciple-maker to the people around us.
 - Application to specific roles as shepherd
 - Sunday school teacher
 - Parent
 - Community group leader or participant
 - Intentional discipleship (one on one or small group)
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3. Conclusion

Jesus contrasted himself with the religious leaders of the day by using the illustration of a Good Shepherd. Because of this, we can have great trust in Jesus our Good Shepherd. Jesus laid down his life for us his sheep. We can use the model of the Good Shepherd to guide our interactions with ones we disciple: our children, family members, community group, church, co-workers and friends. The role of a shepherd guides us in how we fulfill the mandate to be disciple-makers.

Questions for Thought and Discussion

1. Look at the list of eight characteristics of the Good Shepherd again. As Jesus has demonstrated these in your life, how has each one ministered to you? What can you learn about Jesus from these characteristics?
2. To whom do you have a responsibility to be a shepherd disciple-maker?
3. Write down ways you can apply the eight characteristic above to the person/people you are responsible to be a shepherd disciple-maker.

For example--I am responsible to be a shepherd disciple-maker to *my children* **(Enter the name of the person or group you have responsibility to disciple)**

- i. Prioritizes Salvation--I should prioritize salvation in their life by consistently paying for them, being sure that they know of my faith in Jesus, know why salvation is important, know from scripture how to come to Christ, have opportunity to personally respond to Christ's offer for salvation.....
- ii. Lives as an example—I am living as a model for Christ before my children, I have regular devotions, putting into practice the things I read in the Bible and learn about God, when I fail I confess my failure to God and as appropriate to my children.

Continue this process with all 8 of the characteristics for each person or group you have responsibility to disciple to follow Jesus.