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I Am the Door of the Sheep John 10:1-10

I. Entering In to the Sheepfold (vv. 1-2)

- A. _____ of the sheepfold (v. 1a)
- B. _____ of thieves and robbers (v. 1b)
[Isa. 56:10-11; Jer. 10:21; 12:10; Isa. 50:6; Jer. 23:1-2]
- C. _____ of the shepherd (v. 2) [1 Pet. 2:22]

II. Exiting Out of the Sheepfold (vv. 3-5)

- A. The _____ calls his sheep by name (v. 3)
[2 Tim. 2:15; 3:16-17; 1 Tim. 6:11-14; Matt. 16:16-19; Isa. 43:1]
- B. The _____ follow the shepherd wherever he leads (v. 4) [Ezek. 20:37-38; Jer. 31:31; Ezek. 36:26; Matt. 9:9; Lk. 19:5-6; Jn. 20:15-16]
- C. A _____ they will not follow (v. 5)
[Matt. 24:11, 24]

III. Explaining the Door of the Sheep (vv. 6-9)

- A. The _____ of unbelief (v. 6)
[Matt. 15:14; Jn. 9:40-41]
- B. The third I _____ statement (v. 7)
[Ex. 3:14; Matt. 7:13-15]
- C. The elect sheep did not _____ (v. 8) [1 Jn. 4:1-3]
- D. The elect sheep will come through the _____ (v. 9)
[Acts 4:12; Jn. 14:6; Lk. 13:24; Ps. 23:1-3]

IV. Entering In to Eternal Life (v. 10)

- A. The goal of the _____ (Jer. 23:1; Ezek. 34:2-3)
- B. The goal of the _____ (Jn. 10:27-29)
- C. The _____ of eternal life (2 Cor. 5:17)

TAKE HOME

- Are you taken back by the fact that the Shepherd of the sheep knows you by _____?
- Have you come out of the sheepfold through the Door into the _____ pasture?
- Do you have eternal life in Jesus and are you _____ by its abundance?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read John 10:1-2. Briefly describe what a sheepfold is and how that understanding can help you better understand this text. Who are the thieves and the robbers? (Isa. 56:10-11; Jer. 10:21; 12:10; Isa. 50:6; Jer. 23:1-2)

2. Read John 10:3. Who do you think the gatekeeper is? (2 Tim. 2:15; 3:16-17; 1 Tim. 6:11-14; Matt. 16:16-19) How does it make you feel that He calls you by name?

3. Read John 10:4. Why do the sheep follow the shepherd? What does this tell us about the relationship between a shepherd and his sheep? (Ezek. 20:37-38; Jn. 20:15-16)

4. Read John 10:5. Why won’t the true sheep follow a stranger? Do you flee from false shepherds or have you ever been drawn to them?

5. Read John 10:6-7. Why did Jesus slightly change the metaphor? In what way is Jesus the door? (Matt. 7:13-14)

6. Read John 10:8-9. Why don’t the elect sheep stray (1 Jn. 4:1-3). What does it mean when v. 9 says he will go in and out and find pasture? (Acts 4:12; Jn. 14:6; Lk. 13:24; Ps. 23:1-3)

7. Read John 10:10. What are we to be on guard against? Why did Jesus come? (2 Cor. 5:17) What is something new you learned about having life and having it abundantly?

8. Read the take home questions. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? Why? How will you live the abundant life this week?

“Let a man of the world hear two preachers, one giving out the truth and the other error, and he can discern no difference between them. But it is far otherwise with a child of God. He may be but a babe in Christ, unskilled in theological controversies, but instinctively he will detect vital heresy as soon as he hears it. And why is this? Because he is indwelt by the Holy Spirit, and has received an ‘unction’ from the Holy One. How thankful we should be for this. How gracious of the Lord to have given us this capacity to separate the precious from the vile!”

- A.W. Pink, *Exposition of the Gospel of John*