

“The Call to Follow the Good Shepherd” 9/17/17

John 10:1-10

Sermon Series- “Essential Jesus: The Man, the Mission, the Message”

Characteristics of Sheep (Isaiah 53:6)- Stubborn, proud, have sheep mentality in following the easy path of the herd blindly, but are prone to get lost, don't take care of themselves, need endless meticulous care, timid, helpless, must flee danger or will die, bear the mark of their shepherd.

“For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.” 1 Peter 2:25 *“Great Shepherd of the Sheep”* Heb 13:20

LESSON 1- God has called us to KNOW and follow the Good Shepherd

- A. The true and good shepherd will enter sheepfold by the DOOR
(Sheepfold, noun- enclosure to protect sheep from thieves and predators; built by the shepherd for his sheep.
Sheepfold, verb- to manage sheep as shepherd sees fit so they can flourish)
- B. The true and good shepherd's relationship with the sheep is PERSONAL
(Matt 10:30; Psalm 139; Owns us-1 Cor 6:19; Cares for us- 1 Peter 5:7)
- C. The true and good shepherd is one who LEADS the sheep with His voice.
(Inspection- Heb 4:13; John 14:15; Voice of world- Jam 4:4; 1 John 2:15; Col 2:8;
The trusted VOICE brings excitement, joy, peace, comfort, relief, adventure!)

Going Deeper *God is calling you to know Jesus personally and follow no others!*

LESSON 2- God has called us to RECEIVE and follow the Good Shepherd

- A. The true and good shepherd is the DOOR of the sheep.
(Jesus is the ONLY entrance to the kingdom of God- contrast Matt 23:13)
- B. The true and the good shepherd's sheep don't hear/follow OTHERS
(False shepherds: Ezekiel 34:14-16; Matt 24:4-5; John 14:6)
- C. The true and good shepherd saves His sheep and gives them LIFE
(we find pasture, protection, provision, peace, and ownership in Jesus)

Going Deeper *God is calling you to receive salvation and life through His Son!*

“I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”
John 10:10b