

**John 10**  
**I am the Good Shepherd**  
**WBS; April 19 & 20**

**CONTEXT**

**I AM THE GATE**

*<sup>1</sup>I assure you that whoever doesn't enter into the sheep pen through the gate but climbs over the wall is a thief and an outlaw.....<sup>9</sup>I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. (vss. 1, 9)*

*I have other sheep that don't belong to this sheep pen. I must lead them too. (vs 16)*

**I AM THE SHEPHERD**

Old Testament Shepherd /King Promises - "I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David [Messiah]; he shall feed then, and he shall be their shepherd." Ezekiel 34:23

**I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD – What makes the Shepherd Good?**

**Knows us**

*"He calls His own sheep by name." (vs 3)*

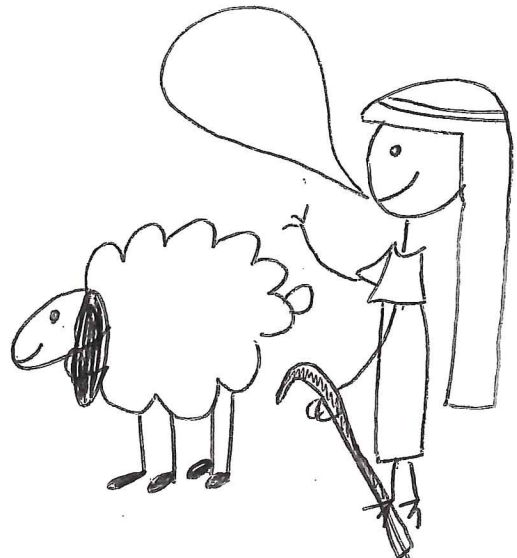
*"I am the good shepherd. I know my own sheep and they know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. (vs 14)*

**Cares for us**

*They will come in and go out and find pasture. (vs. 9)*

**Guides us**

*"He goes before them and they follow him"*



### **Gives us abundant life**

*I came so that they could have life—indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest. (vs 10)*

*I give them eternal life. They will never die, and no one will snatch them from my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them from my Father's hand. (vss. 28-29)*

### **Lays His life down for us**

*"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (vs 11)*

*I give up my life for the sheep. (vs 15)*

*This is why the Father loves me: I give up my life so that I can take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I give it up because I want to. (Vss. 17-18)*

### **RECOGNIZING THE GOOD SHEPHERD'S VOICE**

*The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The guard at the gate opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. (Vss. 2-3)*

*I have other sheep that don't belong to this sheep pen. I must lead them too. They will listen to my voice and there will be one flock, with one shepherd. (vs. 16)*

*My sheep listen to my voice. I know them and they follow me. (vs. 27)*

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- What is the one thing a Christ follower should be able to do? RECOGNIZE God's voice in everyday life and obey.
- "One word from God is worth a thousand sermons."

### **A cultivated relationship of love and trust**

1. Scripture
2. Prayer – listening included!
3. Community
4. Will it make you more like Jesus? (fruit of the Spirit; increase in love for God and neighbor)
5. What would you do if fear wasn't involved (1 John 4:6)