

SERMON OUTLINE John 10:1-21

I Am the Sheep Door and the Good Shepherd

JESUS' COMMAND TO PAY ATTENTION (1)

THE PARABLE (1-6)

THE PARABLE EXPANDED AND EXPLAINED (7-18)

Three Contrasts Between Jesus and the Pharisees

1. *Jesus Protects the Sheep, The Pharisees Cause Harm*

2. *Jesus Leads to Good Pastures, the Pharisees to Bad*

3. *The Sheep Listen to and Know Jesus, but Not the Pharisees*

Sheep Beyond Israel

The Good Shepherd and the Father's Love

THE PARABLE RESPONDED TO (19-21)

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The big idea for this week is that Jesus alone is the means by which we may be reconciled to God and He alone leads God's people into fullness of life (on earth and in heaven). And the main takeaway for us today is to truly consider Jesus' voice, both what He has said and how we respond to it in relation to other voices.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Have you ever tuned in even more when you read Jesus begin speaking with the words, "Truly, truly"?
3. Why do you think there are so few parables in John compared to the other three Gospels?
4. What stands out to you from Jesus' parable?
5. Does shepherd/sheep seem like a good metaphor for our relationship with Jesus? How so or why not?
6. Which of the three ways Jesus is different from the Pharisees is most appealing to you? Why?
7. Try to explain v.16 in your own words. How would you describe the good news of it to your unbelieving neighbor?
8. How is the Father's love for Jesus related to Jesus' sacrifice? How does that relate to us?
9. Do you know anyone who responds to Jesus' words like the Jews did in vs.19-21?
10. How would you describe your own response to hearing Jesus' voice?
11. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

12. Ask one godly person who knows you well to share an area in your life that you might not see very well.
13. Pray for and share the gospel with one non-Christian this week that they might listen to Jesus' voice and be saved.
14. Prayerfully make a list of the main voices you are listening to. Consider them carefully in light of Jesus' voice.
15. Pick one voice you are listening to that you shouldn't be and shut it off. Pick one way to better hear Jesus' voice and tune in.
16. Memorize one saying of Jesus this week.
17. Ask two different people in your family or DG (1) One thing they got from this sermon, and (2) How you can pray for them.
18. Ask God to show you one specific thing you ought to do differently as a result of this text or sermon? Share that and pray about it with someone in your DG. Continue praying for and checking in with each other until you've both done it.

PRAYER POINTS

19. Adoration. Praise God that He is Triune. Praise Jesus that He is the door and the good shepherd. Praise God that He is good. Praise God that He always and only speaks without error. Praise Jesus that He is the perfect example and sacrifice.
20. Confess. Confess any voices you have been listening to instead of Jesus. Confess any ways you have spoken words that misled or harmed others. Confess any ways you have led others astray. Confess any lack of love for Jesus' words.
21. Thanksgiving. Thank Jesus for being the door. Thank Jesus for being the good shepherd. Thank Jesus for always leading to good pasture. Thank Jesus for perfectly protecting you always. Thank Jesus for knowing you and allowing you to know Him.
22. Supplication. Ask God to help someone in your life to hear the voice of Jesus. Ask God to help you grow in your love for Jesus' voice. Ask God to give you the wisdom and strength in the Spirit to lead others well in Jesus' name.