

## John Chapter 10

1. What did Jesus say about the one who enters the sheep pen by another way than the gate?
2. Why does Jesus say that the sheep will follow the shepherd? What does this show about the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep?
3. What other analogy does Jesus make for himself in verse 7?
4. Jesus said he came to bring what? To what extent?
5. What does Jesus say is the difference between the shepherd and the hired hand?
6. What does Jesus say about the other sheep that are not of this pen?
7. What event do you think Jesus is referring to in verses 17 and 18?
8. Just as in chapter 9 the people were divided in their opinions about Jesus. What opinions were expressed in the following verses?
  - a. Verse 20:
  - b. Verse 21:
9. What was the name of the next feast mentioned and what time of year was it?
10. When the Jews asked Jesus to tell them plainly if he was the Christ, what reason did he give for why they did not believe?
11. According to verse 28, what did Jesus say he would give his sheep?
12. How did Jesus describe his relationship with the Father?
13. Did the people to whom Jesus was speaking understand his claim to be God?

14. Jesus told the Jews that if they would not believe him they could believe something else. What was that?
15. What explanation is there for the different kind of reception Jesus received from the people on the other side of the Jordan?

Digging Deeper:

1. What do you believe Jesus is referring to when he talks about the sheep pen? Who are the sheep that are from another pen?
2. What do you think Jesus means when he says he will give us a “full” life? How is the life Jesus offers more full than the life offered by the world?
3. Jesus told the Jews that he had already told them if he was the Christ. What statements has Jesus already made that should have answered their question?
4. If the Feast of Dedication happened in the winter, what name do you think that feast is known of today? Do you know anything about what the feast celebrates? If so, what does that story say about the kind of Messiah the people were looking for?
5. Read the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm and reflect on the meaning of this passage in light of Jesus being the good shepherd.

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- 1. What did Jesus say about the one who enters the sheep pen by another way than the gate?** *Jesus said that person is a thief and a robber. Honest people enter by the gate. Those who sneak in are up to no good.*
- 2. Why does Jesus say that the sheep will follow the shepherd? What does this show about the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep?** *The sheep follow the shepherd because they know his voice. Often In NT times, several shepherds would keep their sheep together in one large pen with a night watchman. When a shepherd came to gather his sheep he would call them and only his sheep would come. This says that the sheep trusted the shepherd because the new him.*
- 3. What other analogy does Jesus make for himself in verse 7?** *Jesus said he was the gate for the sheep.*
- 4. Jesus said he came to bring what? To what extent?** *He came to give life and give it to the full.*
- 5. What does Jesus say is the difference between the shepherd and the hired hand?** *The hired hand will abandon the sheep when danger comes. He does not know and care for the sheep the way their owner does.*
- 6. What does Jesus say about the other sheep that are not of this pen?** *He said he must bring the others in also. Jesus said he must bring all the sheep who listened to his voice together into one flock with one shepherd*
- 7. What event do you think Jesus is referring to in verses 17 and 18?** *Jesus said that he lays down his life only to take it up again. He was referring to his crucifixion and resurrection. He said that it was his own will to lay down his life.*
- 8. Just as in chapter 9 the people were divided in their opinions about Jesus. What opinions were expressed in the following verses?**
  - a. Verse 20:** *He is demon-possessed and raving mad.*
  - b. Verse 21:** *He does not have a demon. A demon could not open the eyes of the blind.*
- 9. What was the name of the next feast mentioned and what time of year was it?** *The Feast of Dedication. It was in the winter.*
- 10. When the Jews asked Jesus to tell them plainly if he was the Christ, what reason did he give for why they did not believe?** *He said they did not believe because they were not his sheep. In other words they would not listen to him. The test of belonging to the shepherd is to listen to his voice.*
- 11. According to verse 28, what did Jesus say he would give his sheep?** *He said he would give them eternal life, so that they will never die. He also said that no one could snatch them away from him.*
- 12. How did Jesus describe his relationship with the Father?** *He said, "I and the Father are one."*

13. **Did the people to whom Jesus was speaking understand his claim to be God?** *Yes, because they picked up stones to kill him. They wanted to stone him for blasphemy because he was saying that he and God were the same person*
14. **Jesus told the Jews that if they would not believe him they could believe something else. What was that?** *If they would not believe him they should believe the miracles that he did.*
15. **What explanation is there for the different kind of reception Jesus received from the people on the other side of the Jordan?** *John the Baptist was preaching on the other side of the Jordan. These are the people who listened to him.*

### **Digging Deeper:**

1. **What do you believe Jesus is referring to when he talks about the sheep pen? Who are the sheep that are from another pen?** *The sheep in the sheep pen are the ones who belong to God. Jesus was talking to the Jews who saw themselves as the children of God. Jesus was referring to the Gentiles who would believe in him later. Jesus knew all along that his sacrifice was not only for the Jews but for all who would believe.*
2. **What do you think Jesus means when he says he will give us a “full” life? How is the life Jesus offers more full than the life offered by the world?** *Full could mean more in quality. Jesus gives us a life that gives us true happiness. It could also mean more quantity. Jesus gives us more life – eternal life. Life that is never ending.*
3. **Jesus told the Jews that he had already told them if he was the Christ. What statements has Jesus already made that should have answered their question?** *Many times Jesus told them that he came from the Father. He said I am from above. He said Abraham rejoiced at seeing his coming and that before Abraham was born “I am.” He said that he was the light of the world. All of the statements point to his being the Messiah.*
4. **If the Feast of Dedication happened in the winter, what name do you think that feast is known of today? Do you know anything about what the feast celebrates? If so, what does that story say about the kind of Messiah the people were looking for?** *This feast is known today as Hanukkah. It celebrates the reclaiming of the temple by the Jewish leader Judah Maccabee after it had been violated by the Syrian ruler Antiochus IV. While the temple was being rededicated, there was only enough oil to keep the lamp in the temple lit for one day. However it burned for eight days, long enough for more oil to be brought. In the story the deliverer was a military hero. The Jews had this kind of deliverer in mind when they thought of the Messiah.*
5. **Read the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm and reflect on the meaning of this passage in light of Jesus being the good shepherd.** *Both passages talk about the shepherd who watches over us and cares for our needs. Jesus may have had this Psalm in mind when he talked about being the good shepherd.*