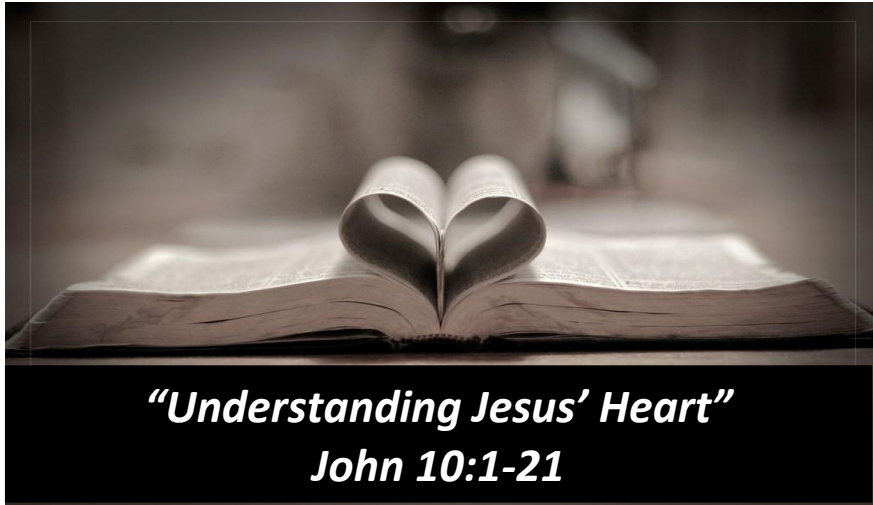


**Sunday, November 15, 2020**

Fall Series: "Nobody but Jesus"- Studies in John's Good News about Jesus



Are you feeling abundant or abandoned right now in life? Why?

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Read John 10:10. John is making another stark comparison about Jesus. He comes to give life, not destroy life. In what areas do you need to have Jesus give life to you today?

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Read John 10:1,2 Jesus describes himself as the gate that protects life. Who has been the gatekeeper of your life? How does your life reflect your answer?

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Read Ezekiel 34:12 again. How do you see, or not see God as the caring shepherd of your life?

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Complete the sentence, "I know Jesus is my shepherd because..."

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Jesus as shepherd is described as our provision and protection. Which do I need him to be for me right now?

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John 10:27, Jesus emphasis is that no one can take you away from him. How does that give you security and hope in your life today? Will you take time for that truth to center your life today?

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John 10:11, Jesus the Good Shepherd sacrificed his life, so you may have life. Will you take time to thank him today? If you never have, will you invite Jesus to be your shepherd?

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"PRAY FOR ONE"- For whom does God place on my heart to pray for an intentional opportunity to intentionally share the good news of Jesus? Will I commit to pray along those lines between now and the end of the year? Who will pray with me?

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# JOHN 10

In our society today, influential teachers or leaders are recognized by how well his or her book sells. Based on bookstore displays today, what leaders or teachers are influencing people? What are writers saying that seems so attractive?

**Read** John 10:1-6.

- What do you think Jesus is saying with the analogy of a sheep, a shepherd, and a robber?
- How does Jesus contrast himself with a “stranger”?
- Why do you think Jesus equates his followers with sheep?
- What are the positive qualities of sheep that Jesus commends?
- Do you feel demeaned or uplifted by this comparison?

**Read** John 10:7-21.

- Comparing Himself to a “gate” seems odd. What point do you think Jesus is trying to make?
- Who do you think is the thief?
- How would you contrast the aims of the thief to those of the shepherd?
- What are some ways that the thief could steal, kill, or destroy (verse 10) in your life?
- What do you think Jesus means when He says that He comes to give life “to the full” (verse 10)?
- Is this type of life attractive to you? Why or why not?
- Do you think Jesus’ meaning of a full life is different from our society’s understanding of a full life?
- How would you know whether you’re experiencing the full life that Jesus describes?

- Who do you think is the hired hand in this setting?
- How would you compare/contrast the hired hand with the good shepherd?
- Who would be some hired hands today?
- What does the good shepherd do for his sheep?
- How does Jesus continue to do this for people today?
- How have you experienced the Good Shepherd in your life?
- What does it mean for us to hear His voice? Have you ever heard Jesus' voice?

Read John 10:22-42.

- What question did the Jews ask Jesus in verses 22-24?
- What questions do people ask today about Jesus' identity?
- How did Jesus answer their question?
- What assurances does Jesus give to his sheep?
- What do you think it means that "no one can snatch them out of my father's hand"?
- How did the Jews respond to Jesus' claim in verse 31?
- Why did they consider this claim blasphemous?
- How does Jesus counter their charge?
- What caused many to believe in Jesus in verse 42?
- What is one thing that stands out to you in this chapter about the person of Jesus Christ?