

**11**"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. **12**The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. **13**The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

**14**"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— **15**just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. **16**I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. **17**The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. **18**No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

**19**At these words the Jews were again divided. **20**Many of them said, "He is demon-possessed and raving mad. Why listen to him?" **21**But others said, "These are not the sayings of a man possessed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

**22**Then came the Feast of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, **23**and Jesus was in the temple area walking in Solomon's Colonnade. **24**The Jews gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

**25**Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me, **26**but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. **27**My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. **28**I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. **29**My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. **30**I and the Father are one."

**I AM:** The Good Shepherd  
John 10:11-18

Verse 11 – *I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.*

Verse 14 – *I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me.*

1. The Good Shepherd's love for the sheep.
2. The Good Shepherd's relationship with the sheep.
3. The Good Shepherd's security for the sheep.



John 10:11 – “I am the good Shepherd”

Write in your own words how you have come to know Jesus as the “The Good Shepherd”.

- ❖ Read John Chapter 10:11-30

In this passage Jesus presents himself as the Good Shepherd. Throughout the Bible God has presented Himself as a Shepherd of His people and us as the sheep of His flock. He also reveals His purpose to lay down His life for us.

- ❖ How many times in this passage can you find the message that Jesus will lay down His life for us?
- ❖ Take a moment to reflect upon and discuss the role and purpose of the shepherd. Share with your group what you know about a good shepherd.
- ❖ Next, take a moment to reflect on the sheep and share what you know about sheep.
- ❖ What conclusions can you make about your relationship with Jesus based on the analogy of the shepherd and the sheep?

- ❖ Consider reading David’s words as a shepherd found in 1 Samuel 17:34-35 and compare his role to the role Jesus claims as the Good Shepherd in verses 11-13. What does this tell you about our Good Shepherd Jesus Christ?
- ❖ In verse 14 Jesus says, “I know my sheep and my sheep know me.” What does this tell you about your relationship with Jesus?
- ❖ He goes on in verse 16 to say, “I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.” What does this truth tell you about Jesus and His kingdom?
- ❖ In verse 18 Jesus says “no one takes it (my life) from me but I lay it down on my own accord. I have the authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again.” How would you explain the meaning of that statement to a person who didn’t know what Jesus was talking about?

As an act of worship, read and reflect on Isaiah 40:11 before your close in prayer.

*He tends his flock like a shepherd;  
He gathers the lambs in his arms  
and carries them close to his heart;*



Daily Reading Plan through the Gospel of John

- Day 1 – Memory Verse: John 10:11
- Day 2 – John 13:1-17
- Day 3 – John 13:18-38
- Day 4 – John 14:1-14
- Day 5 – John 14:15-31
- Day 6 – John 15:1-17
- Day 7 – John 15:18-27