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I Am the Good Shepherd

John 10:1-21

“The Lord is my shepherd.” Those are some of the most beautiful words in all Scripture. They are evocative, speaking to our soul. It is no wonder then, that God uses shepherd imagery to describe His relationship with His people. God also appointed leaders to act as shepherds for His people. Instead of leading them to God, many lead them away from good. In John 10 Jesus makes a bold claim, He is the legitimate and true shepherd.

Additional Verses:

Isaiah 40:10-11

Ezekiel 34

Mark 10:45

Jeremiah 10:21

Matthew 15:24, 23:13-16

Outline:

1. Jesus knows His sheep.

2. Jesus provides for His sheep.

3. Jesus lays down His life for His sheep.

Study Questions:

1. Why does God use shepherd imagery to describe the relationship with His people? What does a shepherd do? How did human shepherds fail in their job as shepherd?

2. Why is it important that Jesus knows us? How does Jesus knowing us provide us security?

3. Why is it **important** for us to hear Jesus' voice? Why do we follow Him? What voices seek to drown out Jesus' voice?

4. How is Jesus the door? Where does the door lead? What have you been saved from and saved to as a believer?

5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?