

ABUNDANT LIFE

WHY IT'S GOOD TO FOLLOW JESUS

JOHN 10:1-21

Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - November 8, 2020

. Stick	(vv. 1-6)	John 10:1–21 (ESV) 1 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. 2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 A stranger they will not follow, but they will floot from him for they do not know they voice.
- he leads	(vv. 7-21)	flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." 6 This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. 7 So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have
- he leads	(vv. 11-15)	life and have it abundantly. 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as
- he leads	(v. 16)	the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may 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 I have author-
- he leads	(vv. 17-18)	ity to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father." 19 There was again a division among the Jews because of these words. 20 Many of them said, "He has a demon, and is insane; why listen to him?" 21 Others said, "These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Review the four observations we made about Jesus' leadership from John 10:1-21. Which one sticks out as the most encouraging to you? How has that helped you so far this week? 2. Read Psalm 23. We tend to think of "abundance" in a material/physical sense. What can we learn from this Psalm and John about experiencing abundant life even when circumstances are difficult? 3. Read Romans 8:32. How does the reality of Christ's sacrificial love in the past strengthen your confidence for that love in the future? 4. Read Romans 15:7. How can you reflect God's heart for a growing flock by having this welcoming attitude described here? 5. What are some specific applications you need to make this week to "stick close shepherd"?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

11/14/2020

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Ezekiel 16

Keller, Phillip. A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23. HarperPaperbacks, 1970.

Tozer, A.W. The Knowledge of the Holy. HarperOne, 2009.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that we would see many in our community find real and abundant life in Jesus Christ.

Pray that we would stick close to the Shepherd.

John 9:1-12

Pray for peace and truth in our nation in the wake of the Presidential election.

Pray for the men to apply what we learned on Saturday and use our time well.

1 John 5:1-21

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING					
Date	О.Т.	Psalms	Gospels	N.T.	
11/9/2020	Ezekiel 1-4	Psalm 122	John 8:12-20	1 John 2:1-14	
11/10/2020	Ezekiel 5-7	Psalm 123	John 8:21-30	1 John 2:15-29	
11/11/2020	Ezekiel 8-10	Psalm 124	John 8:31-38	1 John 3:1-10	
11/12/2020	Ezekiel 11-12	Psalm 125	John 8:39-47	1 John 3:11-24	
11/13/2020	Ezekiel 13-15	Psalm 126	John 8:48-59	1 John 4:1-21	

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