

## JESUS, THE GOOD SHEPHERD

John 10:1–18

Key Verse: 10:11

1. Who is Jesus addressing here, and why (9:34,40–41)? In his words, what shows who is a shepherd and who is a thief or robber (1–2)? What could this “door” represent (10)?
2. How does Jesus describe the shepherd and his sheep (3–4)? What does it mean to know them “by name”? To “hear” and “know” his “voice”? Who are the “strangers” (5)? What can we learn here about how to be good shepherds? Good sheep of Jesus?
3. What does Jesus say again (6–8)? What does it mean that he is “the door” of the sheep? What happens to those who “enter by him” (9), and what does it mean to “be saved” and to “find pasture”? How can we live like this?
4. What are Jesus’ motives in helping people (10)? Read verse 11. Why does he say he “lays down his life” for the sheep (cf. 17–18; 15:13; cf. 1 John 3:16)? What does he say about “the hired hand” (12–13), and how is he similar yet different from a good shepherd? What is Jesus teaching us here?
5. What more does Jesus say about the good shepherd (14–15)? What larger vision does he have (16)? What else does the good shepherd do (17–18), and why?
6. Review the qualities of a good shepherd Jesus teaches here. How can we grow to be more like him?