

Adult Impact Study Sheet

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If possible, read **John 10:1-18** from several translations.
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1. As we consider our passage in John 10, our thoughts may go immediately to Psalm 23. Read that Psalm and keep its truths in mind as we study our passage for today.
2. Think about the good shepherd leading his sheep and the sheep following him being a choice on the part of the sheep—as opposed to cattle being driven—and how that relates to the believer.
3. In verse 7, Jesus says, “I am the gate for the sheep.” How does that relate to John 14:6?
4. Discuss Jesus’ reference to “all who came before Me” in verse 8 in light of Jeremiah 23:1-2.

Do we have such shepherds in our world today? How are they going about scattering God’s sheep?

5. Read verse 10. Jesus doesn't want you merely to possess eternal life but also to possess the full experience of life.¹ What makes the difference?
6. Jesus describes three benefits of entering into God's sheepfold: (1) those sheep **will be saved** (Acts 4: 12); (2) they **will go in and out** (freely moving about in the secure provision of the shepherd); (3) they **will find pasture** (constant sustenance for the soul).³ Discuss those benefits.
7. What is the most important trait of the good shepherd? See it repeated in verses 11, 15, 17, 18.
8. In verse 16, Jesus says, “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.” Of whom is He speaking? What does this tell us of the scope of the ministry of the Gospel?
9. What do verses 17 and 18 tell us about who was really in control during the events of the Passion Week?

¹ The Tony Evans Bible Commentary, 1040

² Life Application New Testament Commentary, 419

³ The Jeremiah Study Bible, 1458