



The Shepherd's Care | John 10:1-21

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In describing Himself as "the good shepherd," Jesus Christ offers six demonstrations of His shepherding care of His sheep; six things that should encourage and comfort His people about what they possess as believers in Jesus.

Background: Shepherds and Sheep in the Bible, and Shepherds and Sheep in John 10

Six Demonstrations of the shepherding care of Jesus Christ for His sheep:

1. We have the call of His voice (10:3-5, 14)

2. We have His leadership in front of us (10:3-4)

3. We have His everlasting protection (10:9)

4. We have His abundant provision (10:10)

5. We have His abiding love (10:11-13)

6. We have His sacrifice on our behalf (10:14-18)

Questions to Consider

1. Besides the verses mentioned in the sermon, what are some Bible verses that use the shepherd-sheep illustration to draw out the believer's relationship to Jesus Christ?
2. What are some realities of actual shepherding that help to make this passage more clear?
3. What does it mean to you that Jesus knows you intimately (even your sin and failures), and yet calls you His own?
4. Jesus is a shepherd who leads from in front. What does that imply for how we are to behave as His sheep? What does that look like in terms of our daily walk with Christ?
5. Jesus offers more than eternal life (as in life after death). John 10:10 says He gives His sheep abundant life. In what ways are you experiencing abundant life? What things might you be doing or thinking that disrupt that experience?
6. Shepherds may face the risk of sacrificing themselves to protect their sheep. As the good shepherd, Jesus has already given His life for His sheep. What has His sacrifice accomplished for you?