

## Study Questions for John 10 (Part 1) v1-21

- Because there are no chapter divisions or verses in the original Greek, it's important to remember that this chapter flows directly from the events of chapter 9. What event dominated chapter 9?
- Why do you think Jesus chose to use metaphoric language and figures of speech to speak to the people?
- Why is the language of raising and caring for sheep a good way to describe our relationship with Jesus?
- Describe the function of a sheepfold.
- What role did the shepherd personally play in making the sheepfold a safe place for the sheep?
- What was Jesus communicating to us about Himself when He spoke of the shepherd caring for the sheep?
- According to **verse 1** how do we identify “thieves and robbers” trying to get to the sheep?
- How does Jesus describe His own role as shepherd in **verse 4**?
- What is the best way to improve our ability to hear the voice of our shepherd?
- In **verse 7** what does Jesus mean by saying, “**I am the door for the sheep**”?
- What promises are included in **verse 9**?
- **Verse 10** involves a stark contrast between “the thief” and Jesus. What promise does Jesus make in this verse?
- What does Jesus mean by promising us life “abundantly”? What does that abundant life look like?
- **Verse 11** is a prophetic declaration of what Jesus would do on the cross. Why is this verse also a good example for those who pastor (shepherd) a local fellowship?
- How does Jesus describe the “hired hand” in **verses 12-13**?
- Who might be a “hired hand” in the church today?
- How could you use **verses 14 and 15** to share the Gospel?
- Why do we see a declaration of the deity of Jesus in **verses 17 and 18**?
- What do you feel is the most important takeaway from this study?