

JOHN 10; September 20; Jesus Is Our Good Shepherd

ANALYSIS:

1. In the parable of the sheepfold, what do you learn about the relationship of the sheep to the shepherd? _____
of the shepherd to the sheep? _____
2. What does the good shepherd do for his sheep? _____

3. What does Jesus plan for his "other sheep?" _____

4. How were the Jews again divided over Jesus? _____

5. What assurance does Jesus give to each of his sheep concerning their eternal life? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

When Jesus said, "I and my Father are one," the Jews took up stones to kill him. He asked them for which good work they were going to stone him. They replied that he was guilty of blasphemy by claiming to be the Son of God. In answer, first, Jesus quotes from Psalm 82. If Israel's judges were called "gods" by virtue of their office which rested on God's word which cannot be broken, how can they accuse him whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world for saying, "I am the Son of God?" Second, Jesus challenged the Jews to view the miracles he has done as proof "that the Father is in me, and I in him." But viewing miracles is not enough to bring about their regeneration and change their unbelief -- they try to take Jesus again.

Whenever we make any judgmental decision, let us seek out and honestly weigh all the evidence so that we can reach the truth.

HELP:

1. Sheep to shepherd: they hear his voice, they follow him, they know his voice.
Shepherd to sheep: he leadeth them out, he calleth them by name, he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them (vs 3-4).
2. He giveth his life for the sheep (v 11, 15); he knows his sheep (v 14).
3. He will bring them, they will hear his voice, and there will be one fold, and one shepherd (v 16).
4. Many said he had a devil and was mad; others reasoned, how can a devil open blind eyes (vs 20-21).
5. No man can pluck them out of my hand, My Father is greater than all and no one can pluck them out of my Father's hand (vs 28-29).