



In the Flesh – John 10
February 11 | Weekly Devotionals

Section 1: Introduction

Today, we begin John 10 where we read about Jesus, our Good Shepherd.

In John 10, Jesus uses the metaphor of a shepherd and his sheep to illustrate his relationship with his followers. He describes himself as the “Good Shepherd” who cares for and protects his sheep. Jesus emphasizes the intimacy of this relationship, stating that his sheep know his voice and follow him. He contrasts himself with thieves and robbers who come to harm the sheep, portraying his commitment to the well-being of those who follow him. Ultimately, Jesus declares his role as the shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep, highlighting his sacrificial love and the depth of his commitment to those who belong to him.

Read all of John 10. As you read, note any observations about the person, character, and work of Jesus that you learn from this portion of Scripture.

Section 2: Spend time in your passage

Take a deeper dive into John 10.

- What specific characteristics of a shepherd does Jesus highlight in this passage, and how do these details contribute to the overall picture of him as the Good Shepherd?

- How many times does Jesus repeat the phrase "I am the good shepherd" throughout the passage? Why does Jesus emphasize this point, and how does the repetition contribute to the central theme of the text?
- Identify the contrast between the actions of the "thief" or "robber" and those of the Good Shepherd. How does this sharp distinction help to emphasize the role and character of Jesus?
- Compare John 10 and Jesus as the Good Shepherd to other passages in the Old Testament like Ezekiel 34, Isaiah 40:11, and Jeremiah 23:1-4. Write down anything you notice.

Section 3: Reflection question

- How does your understanding of Jesus as the Good Shepherd shape your identity as one of his sheep? In what ways does this relationship impact your sense of belonging and purpose in the context of your faith journey?
- Reflect on your ability to recognize and respond to the voice of Jesus in your life. What practices or habits help you tune in to his guidance, and how do you navigate the challenges of discerning his voice amidst the noise of the world? What role does the Bible play in this discernment for you?
- Jesus emphasizes laying down his life for the sheep. In what areas of your life do you sense a need for surrender to the leadership and care of the Good Shepherd? How might a deeper surrender contribute to your spiritual growth and well-being?

Section 4: Pray the Scriptures

Using John 10 and your reflections, write out a prayer in response to your time in God's Word today.

Section 5: Memorize Scripture

Throughout this series, we want to be memorizing Scripture. Use the prompts below to help you get John 10 into your heart and mind.

1. Write out John 10:14-15 in your journal or on a notecard.
2. Memorize John 10:14-15. Use various techniques to memorize the passage, such as repeating it out loud, creating visual associations, or setting it to a melody or rhythm, take time to commit these verses to memory.
3. Regularly review and practice the passage throughout the week. Recite it from memory and reflect on its meaning and significance.