



“I am the good  
Shepherd”

John 10:11-18

September 17, 2017

## I. The Sacrificial Shepherd

### A. Full Commitment

### B. The Hired Hand

## II. The Knowing Shepherd

### A. Mutual Knowledge

### B. The Gathered Flock

## I. The Sacrificial Shepherd

### A. Full Commitment

Jesus refer to Himself in John 10:11 as the good Shepherd? ? How does vs.11 go on to define this? How does this describe Jesus?

What “sheep like” characteristics do Christians have?

How would you define the word “sacrificial”?

How can being sacrificial be somewhat subjective?

In what way did Jesus set the upper limits of being sacrificial?

### B. The Hired Hand

Who is the good Shepherd in contrast to John 10:12?

What is the relationship of the hired man to the sheep in John 10:12, 13?

What scenario is described in John 10:12 and what is the outcome?

How are the religious leaders like hired hands? Consider the story of John 9.

## II. The Knowing Shepherd

### A. Mutual Knowledge

What does John 10:14 tell us about the relationship of the Shepherd to the sheep?

The word “know” refers to “acquiring an experiential knowledge wrapped up in a loving relationship”. How does loving someone impact our knowing them?

To what does Jesus compare this knowledge in John 10:15?

How does the Father know the Son? Read John 10:30, John 14:10, John 6:38

How is this like the Shepherd and the sheep knowing each other?

What does Jesus know about you? How do we get to know Jesus?

### B. The Gathered Flock

In John 10:16 whom is Jesus referring to “that is not of this sheep pen”?

What does Revelation 5:9-10 tell us about those who belong in the sheep pen?

What are the implications for us of this gathered flock and the enlarged sheep pen?

How does following Jesus cut across cultures and ethnicities?

What keeps you from following the voice of the good Shepherd?