



## OCTOBER THEME



"I AM"

### Week Three – "I AM the Good Shepherd"

#### Monday ~ **READ**

READ John 8:58 and John 10:10-16 in several translations and paraphrases of Scripture.

\*www.Biblegateway.com is a great place to view varied translations and paraphrases of Scripture

#### Tuesday ~ **COPY**

COPY John 8:58 and John 10:16 in your preferred translation or paraphrase.

#### Wednesday ~ **PONDER**

\*The main character in this passage is Jesus, the Good Shepherd! But there are three other characters too... the sheep (us), the hireling (others who take care of us/lead us) and the thief (satan). Our focus will be Jesus, but we want to also see what the passage says about these others too, as seeing these, will help us know and magnify just how good our Good Shepherd is!

- First, understand the role of a shepherd. Jesus spoke these words to people who understood the role of a shepherd, but we may need some clarity as this role is probably not common to our everyday experiences. So, do a brief google search to gain more understanding. Journal your thoughts.
- **John 10:10-16, JESUS** – Scour the passage and write down everything it says/implies about Jesus the Good Shepherd. And then also, look at these other verses which speak about Jesus as Shepherd too, adding what you find in them about Him to your list as well: Isaiah 40:11, Ezekiel 34:23, John 10:3-4, John 10:27-28, Luke 15:4-7, Psalm 23:1-3, I Peter 2:25, I Peter 5:4, and Revelation 7:17.
- **John 10:10-16, sheep** – Scour the passage and write down everything it says/implies about the sheep.
- **John 10:10-16, hireling** – Scour the passage and write down everything it says/implies about the hireling.
- **John 10:10-16, thief** – Scour the passage and write down everything it says/implies about the thief.
- **John 10:10-16, you** – Now, in light of all that you have pondered, ask the Holy Spirit what He would like you to glean from all you have seen. Some things He may lead you to consider are: Is Jesus my Shepherd? Who/what else am I allowing to shepherd my life? Why is Jesus my best Shepherd? What does it look like in my every day practical life for Jesus to be my Shepherd? Journal your thoughts.

#### Thursday ~ **PRAY**

PRAY Use the prompts below to pray into the Truths of John 10:10-16.

- **PRAISE JESUS** as the *Good Shepherd* (Use your list about Him as Shepherd and specifically honor Him).
- **ASK JESUS** to reveal how much better He is than any *"hireling"* in this world.
- **ASK JESUS** to specifically protect you from the *"thief."*
- **TALK TO JESUS** about ways you are looking to Him as your *"Good Shepherd."*
- **TALK TO JESUS** about others you would love to see brought *"into the fold"* and *"made one with Him."*

#### Friday ~ **LISTEN**

LISTEN to a message on John 10:10-16 on our YouTube Channel, *Established Footsteps Ministry*.

\*The video will be posted by Friday and the link will be sent to you via email.

#### Saturday ~ **SHARE**

SHARE on your social media about the blessing of having Jesus as the Good Shepherd of your life. If you do not use social media, share with a friend.