

Sermon Study Guide – April 30th, 2023

Today's Focus: "You Know His Voice"

1) Thoughts to get you started...

- ◆ When you know and trust someone, what do their words mean to you? What if they tell you something that is hard to believe?
- ◆ How do we know Jesus' voice? What do his words mean to us? What if he tells us something that is hard to believe — how can we be sure it is true?

2) Today's Message: John 10:1-11,18

"Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. ⁷Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep..." ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

3) What does God want you to know today?

Throughout the sermon, consider...

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:



Answer the following questions as you follow the sermon...

1. How do we fail to follow God as our shepherd?
2. What are three false “shepherds” we often follow instead?
What do we they get out of it?
3. How does Jesus act as our good shepherd?
What does he get out of it?
4. What can Jesus give us that no other shepherd can?
5. How can we understand some the more difficult things God says?
6. What should we do even if we still don’t understand? Why?

4) Taking it Home:

Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week’s truths:

Monday: *review* 1 Pt. 2:19-25, Ac. 2:42-47

Thursday: Luke 15:1-10

Tuesday: *review* Psalm 23

Friday: Proverbs 3

Wednesday: Ezekiel 34

Saturday: *read/review* John 8:1-21