**The Good Shepherd**

Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He is opposed to the thieves, robbers, false shepherds, and hired hands—hypocritical religious leaders, false messiahs, and hireling ministers.

**1. The Care of the Shepherd**

A. He *knows* His sheep (1-3, 27)

B. He *provides* for His sheep (4-10)

C. He *died* for His sheep (11-15)

D. He *lives* for His sheep (17-18)

E. He *gathers* His sheep (16)

F. He *keeps* His sheep (27-29)

**2. The Confidence of the Sheep**

A. They *know the voice* of the Shepherd (3-5, 27)

1 John 2:20, 27

B. They *believe* in the Shepherd (22-26)

C. They *know* the Shepherd (14-15)

D. They *follow* the Shepherd (3-5, 27)

**Application—**Why follow your Shepherd?

A. Because you are *His sheep*

B. Because He is *trustworthy*

**For Private Meditation or Family Discussion**

1. How did the Lord speak to you through the message? Did He put His finger on any habits or attitudes that you need to change? Did He encourage you regarding some difficulty, move you to undertake some new challenge, or open your heart to some truth you hadn’t seen before?

2. Ezekiel 34

How does this passage describe the false shepherds of Israel? What parallels do you see between the false shepherds in Ezekiel 34 and the false shepherds in John 10?

What does this passage teach us about the way pastors today should shepherd God’s flock?

Who will be the true Shepherd of God’s people (2 correct answers)?

Who is “My Servant David,” since David is long dead (v. 23)?

3. Are you Christ’s sheep? Are you exhibiting the characteristics and confidence of His sheep?

4. Psalm 23

What similarities do you see between the shepherd psalm and John 10?

What do you need from your Shepherd? Are you trusting in Him to provide it?

Where is your Shepherd leading you? Are you willing to follow?