

Lesson 66: John 10:1-4, 6

1. Chapter 10 Theme: _____

a. Introduction:

b. *Read* v6: What is a parable and why did Jesus use them?

- 1) A parable is an _____ saying, often figurative, that has a _____ or _____ meaning.
- 2) Jesus used parables to _____ the truth to His _____ and to _____ it from those who did not _____ to Him (Matt 7:6).

2. *Read* v1-4: The Characteristics of the Shepherd.

a. The 1st characteristic of the Shepherd is that He _____ in by the _____.

- 1) Unlike “a thief”, who is an _____ or one who steals by _____ and in _____, the Shepherd is not going to try to _____ you.
- 2) Nor is He going to _____ around the house and come in the _____ door or any other _____ direction.
- 3) As opposed to “a robber”, the Shepherd is not going to use _____ or _____ to gain admittance.
- 4) What is the Shepherd’s method for gaining entrance to His sheep?

a) *Read* Revelation 3:20 - He approaches His sheep _____ and in the _____.

b) Before the Shepherd can pass through the door, the “porter” or _____, who is _____, must _____ the door.

c) The door you are opening is the door to your _____, and until you open that door, Jesus cannot become the Shepherd of your life. Remember John 6:21:

1- The word “willingly” in this verse implies _____.

2- _____ is defined as an act of making a _____ or _____.

3- John is telling us that we must make a choice or decision to _____ Jesus into our lives.

- d) *Read* Romans 10:10.
- b. The 2nd characteristic of the Shepherd is that He _____ His sheep by _____.
- 1) *Read* 2 Timothy 2:19.
 - 2) Why is this important?
 - a) *Read* Revelation 3:5.
 - b) *Read* Matthew 7:21-23.
- c. The 3rd characteristic of the Shepherd is that He _____ His sheep by _____.
- 1) When your life is at stake, what type of leader do you want?
 - a) You want a leader who will not ask you to do anything that he _____ _____ to do himself. *Read* John 15:20, 16:33.
 - b) You also want a person leading you who has _____ _____ what you are about to go through. *Read* Hebrews 4:15.
 - 2) Verse 3 tells us that the Shepherd “leadeth them out.” Lead us out of what? *Read* 2 Peter 2:9.
 - 3) Verse 4 states that the Shepherd “goeth before them”.
 - a) Sheep must be _____; they cannot be _____.
 - b) Jesus not only _____ by example, but He _____ the example that each of us should be striving to achieve. *Read* Philippians 2:5-8.
 - c) And now He has once again gone before us in order to prepare a _____ for each of His sheep in God’s _____ _____ called _____. *Read* John 14:2-3.

3. Homework: Study verses 3-5 and identify the three characteristics of the Shepherd’s sheep.