



# Lost?

## Let Me Lead You • Part Three

Lesson 8 • John 10

### What's in a Name?

Everything We Will Ever Need When It's the Name of the "I Am" God!

## The PROBLEM We Have ~ John 10:6

We Are All Like Lost Sheep Without a Shepherd.

Jesus uses shepherding as a powerful **word picture** to show us that we have a profound **spiritual problem**.

The Problem of Lost Sheep <i>Matthew 9:36; Mark 6:34</i>	The Provision of the Good Shepherd <i>Numbers 27:16; 1Kings 22:17; John 10</i>
We Are Harassed Wanderers <i>Bullied &amp; Bewildered, Beaten &amp; Bruised</i>	We Need the Staff of Sacrificial Leadership <i>Compassion that Does Not Use the Sheep</i>
We Are Helpless Wanderers <i>Cast Down = Fallen &amp; Can't Get Up!</i>	We Need the Rod of Strong Leadership <i>Correction that Does Not Abuse the Sheep</i>

### So Have You Lost Your Way?

## The PROVISION We Need ~ John 10:11, 14

The "I AM God" Is the Good Shepherd Who Always Finds His Own Sheep!

### Eight Characteristics of the Good Shepherd



- 1) As a **Submitted Leader** the Good Shepherd **enters** through the Door of the sheepfold. (2-3; 4:34; 5:30; 6:38-40)
- 2) As a **Selective Leader** the Good Shepherd **calls** His own sheep. (3)
- 3) As a **Sensitive Leader** the Good Shepherd **knows** His own sheep by name. (3, 14-15, 27)
- 4) As a **Saving Leader** the Good Shepherd **leads** His sheep out of the fold into good pasture. (3, 9)
- 5) As a **Safe Leader** the Good Shepherd **goes before** His sheep as an example. (4; 13:15)
- 6) As a **Secure Leader** the Good Shepherd **secures** His sheep from eternal harassment & spiritual helplessness. (28-30)
- 7) As a **Sacrificial Leader** the Good Shepherd **dies** for His sheep. (11-15, 17-18)
- 8) As a **Sovereign Leader** the Good Shepherd **rises to reign** for His glory and the good of His sheep. (17-18)

**If You Have Lost Your Way, Let Jesus the Good Shepherd Lead You!**

## The PROOF We Have Been Found~ John 10:22-30

Lost Sheep Who Have Truly Been Found Will Always Follow the Good Shepherd!

### Seven Marks of True Sheep

1. True sheep **RECOGNIZE** and **relish** hearing the Good Shepherd's voice. (vv. 3-5, 27; 1John 4:1-6)
  - ➡ Those who **are** Christ's sheep will **accept** those who declare Him according to His Word.
  - ➡ Those who **are** Christ's sheep will **reject** those who deny Him or His Word.



2. True sheep **RESPOND** to the Good Shepherd's call by entering through the right gate/door and following Him. (vv. 7-9, 3-4, 27)

➞ Those who **are** Christ's sheep respond by **BELIEVING** in Him: *John 9:35-38; see also 8:30*

Those who are **not** His sheep do **not** believe: *10:6, 19-21, 24, 31, 33, 39; see also 7:40-53; 8:13, 19, 22, 25, 27, 33, 48, 52-53, 57, 59; 9:16, 24-34, 40*

➞ Those who **are** Christ's sheep respond by **FOLLOWING** Him: *John 10:3-4, 27; Mark 10:51-52*

Those who are **not** His sheep do **not** persevere in following Him: *John 6:66-69*

3. True sheep **RETURN (RECIPROCATE)** the Good Shepherd's love. (vv. 14-15)

4. True sheep **RELATE** with the one flock and the one shepherd. (v. 16; 11:50-52)

➞ True Sheep prove they love the Good Shepherd **by loving** His Sheep: *1John 3:10-11, 14, 16-18, 23; 4:7-12, 16-21; 5:2*

➞ True Sheep prove they love the Good Shepherd **by serving** His Sheep: *John 21:15-19*

5. True sheep **REPRODUCE** the Good Shepherd's example in themselves and others. (v. 4; 1John 2:6)

6. True sheep **REST** in the Good Shepherd's secure protection. (vv. 28-30; 1John 5:12-13)

7. True sheep **REJOICE** in the Good Shepherd's gift of life. (vv. 10, 17-18, 28)

➞ He gives His sheep **abundant** life (vv. 10)

➞ He gives His sheep **resurrection** life (vv. 17-18)

➞ He gives His sheep **eternal** life (v. 28)



## **Jesus Is the Good Shepherd! *Let Him Lead You!***

*"I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own...My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."*

### **Are You Found and Claim Jesus as Your Shepherd?**

*Follow Him and experience life like it is meant to be lived!*

*"Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen." Hebrews 13:20-21*