

A Good Shepherd

Have you ever played with or taken care of sheep?

Read John 10:1-30.

1. Who does the thief or robber in the parable represent?
 - a. Satan.
 - b. Jesus.
 - c. Evil forces.
 - d. The same thing as the wolf.
 - e. Sneaky people.
 - f. Good people.
 - g. Us.
 - h. The bad people of the world.
 - i. Other.

2. What is the difference between the shepherd and the hired hand?
 - a. The shepherd does anything for his sheep.
 - b. The hired hand is only there for the money.
 - c. The shepherd genuinely cares for the sheep.
 - d. The hired hand only does the bare minimum.
 - e. The shepherd and the hired hand are the same person.
 - f. The shepherd and the hired hand care equally.
 - g. The hired hand runs away from adversity; the shepherd stays.
 - h. The hired hand is in cahoots with the wolf.
 - i. Other.

3. How did the crowd react to the parable?
 - a. They thought Jesus was crazy.
 - b. They tried to kill Him.
 - c. They thought He was possessed.
 - d. They understood the message clearly.
 - e. They understood the message and made proactive choices to be a part of His flock.
 - f. They were divided in their opinions.
 - g. Some understood; some didn't.
 - h. The crowd was angered and confused.
 - i. Other.

4. What is the main meaning Jesus was trying to convey with this parable?
 - a. We are like sheep.
 - b. Jesus would do anything for us.
 - c. The main purpose of Jesus' time on earth is to sacrifice Himself for us.
 - d. All wolves represent the devil. (RUN!)
 - e. The main purpose of Jesus' time on earth is to bring others into the fold.
 - f. If we are in the fold, we are protected.
 - g. The shepherd's (Jesus) voice and words are the Bible.
 - h. Jesus accepts anyone who is willing into His flock.
 - i. Other.

5. Why didn't Jesus just proclaim himself the Messiah?
 - a. He already proved it to those who knew the signs.
 - b. There was no need.
 - c. It would just satisfy selfish desires for others.
 - d. He wasn't the Messiah.
 - e. That would be bragging.
 - f. It would create more of a problem with the leaders.
 - g. God the Father didn't want Him to yet.
 - h. That would be "the easy way out."
 - i. Other.

6. What was Jesus trying to say in v. 25-30?
 - a. He was speaking in riddles.
 - b. He didn't know what He was saying.
 - c. God the Father and Jesus are the same person.
 - d. God the Father and Jesus work together for the salvation of His flock.
 - e. Jesus doesn't need to prove again that He is the Messiah; He already proved it.
 - f. The listeners are not part of the flock; hence, they don't understand.
 - g. Jesus' power over His followers rests on their choice to follow Him; it's not by force.
 - h. Jesus is infinitely more powerful than the devil or his followers.
 - i. Other.

7. How can we ensure that we are listening to our Shepherd's voice?

8. What lessons on humility can we take away from Jesus' actions?