

Fifty series
Shepherd

Message Text: John 10:11-18

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Jesus has been our all-sufficient source for 50 years and He will continue to be so as we forge ahead.

1. He is the bread of life – our source of spiritual nourishment and satisfaction.
2. He is the light of the world – our source of light as those who are blind
3. He is the door for the sheep – He is our only door to the security and plenty of God.

Jesus is our good shepherd because by his death we are saved.

Laying down His Life

Laying down his life was.....

sacrificial

substitutionary

Raising it up again

One flock, One Shepherd

Go Deeper:

- 1) What phrase is repeated four times in John 10:11-18? What do you think Jesus is trying emphasize?
- 2) Why would Jesus be so passionate about emphasizing this?
- 3) Read John 10:14, explain what Jesus means here by the word "know". What kind of knowing is this?
- 4) How do you 'know' like this?
- 5) Why do you think those who profess the same Shepherd, Jesus, often struggle with living together as one flock? What do you see as the remedy? (feel free to use Scripture)
- 6) How would you describe the authority of Jesus in light of John 10:17-18?
- 7) What does this understanding of Jesus authority tell you about his ability to order and direct the affairs and circumstances of your life?
- 8) Read John 10:27-29, what does this tell you about the relationship between Jesus and those who put their faith in Him? Is this a source of comfort? Why or why not?
- 9) Are you more familiar with the voice of Jesus now than you were 6 months ago? Explain.
- 10) How can you deepen your familiarity with the voice of Jesus this week?

Next Steps:

- Memorize John 10:10-11.
- Release the debt that I am holding over another 'sheep' (Christian) in Jesus 'flock' (the church).
- Spend a few minutes first thing each morning or last thing each evening listening to the voice of my Shepherd, Jesus, by reading the Bible and praying.