



That you may believe... **Study Lesson Week 9**

This week's title: The Good Shepherd - **John 10:1-42**

Highlighted verses: - *"I am the good Shepherd; I know My sheep and My sheep know Me."* **John 10:14**

Day 1: Read John 10:1-42

1. **Read John 10:1-42** at least once, jotting down initial observations.

Day 2: Read John 10:1-22

In our week 7 Study Lesson, the study hint revolved around **reading** a passage to get the most from it. The next step is to help you **understand** the passage. Some types of books which might help you are Bible dictionaries, commentaries, concordances, and other resources. A good place to view samples of these books is in the CCPC Resource Center in Ballard Hall. Also the internet is a good resource. There are several good sites but be cautious as with any internet site. Here are two recommended websites that have been evaluated by Malcolm and the ADC: Biblestudytools.com and Biblehub.com. Another hint is to use a Bible translation which is theologically solid and good for Bible study. Our church recommends the NIV but the King James, New American Standard, and others are good. Be careful of paraphrased Bibles. They are interesting and easy to read but may not be good for in depth Bible study. Before you begin you might ask yourself these questions: 1) Am I truly open to the Word of God; 2) Do I have a translation I understand; 3) Do I have the right tools to help me understand; 4) Have I expressed my need for the Holy Spirit to help my understanding. The next hint will focus on **comprehension**.

1. In this chapter Jesus uses images that would have been familiar to His hearers. Identify who or what these images represent:

- a) The sheep pen gate –
- b) The Shepherd –
- c) The thief and the robber –
- d) The sheep –
- e) The hired hand -

2. **Read verse 17-18.** How do these verses predict the cross and resurrection? Why do you think Jesus emphasizes that He lays down His life on His own accord?

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3. How does **John 10:1-22** support that Christ is both necessary and sufficient for salvation? (See **John 10:9**)

Day 3: Read John 10:22-42

1. In this passage, how are Jesus' enemies different from His sheep (**vs 22-27**)?

2. **Read John 10:25-30**. Can a true believer ever lose his/her salvation? Why should this give us hope and comfort?

Day 4: Read John 20:31

Consider how **John 10:1-42** relates to John's purpose in writing this Gospel. *"...that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name"* (**John 20:31**).

1. John's purpose involves believing. Look back over this chapter and note all the references to "believe". How does this chapter help us to better understand what it means to believe?

2. John's purpose involves life in His name. Look back over this chapter and note the references to life. How does this chapter help us to better understand the life promised in **John 20:31**?

Day 5: Read John 10:1-42

1. This passage teaches us about Jesus' care for His sheep. From what this passage teaches, write down some specific ways Jesus cares for you.

2. It is not uncommon for Christians to struggle with doubt. How do Jesus' words in this chapter help you when you struggle with doubt?