

LISTEN UP & WRITE IT DOWN

I AM the Good Shepherd

Christ Has Come

John 10:1-21

Sunday, December 21, 2008

B. Jesus _____ His sheep.

C. Jesus _____ His sheep.

D. Jesus _____ for His sheep.

III. The CHALLENGE of the Shepherd's Words

3 Questions as we move toward Christmas. . .

1.

2.

3.

- _____ His voice.
- _____ His lead.
- _____ in His care.
- _____ His flock.

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I. The CONTEXT of the Shepherd's Words

A. Jesus is responding to His _____ surroundings.

B. Jesus is drawing on His _____ surroundings.

C. Jesus is stepping into His _____ surroundings.

1. Stepping into shepherd _____.

2. Stepping into shepherd _____.

3. Stepping into _____ to God as shepherd.

II. The COMFORT of the Shepherd's Words

A. We are _____!

1.

2.

3.

THINK IT OVER!

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1. Read John 10:1-30. After what event does Jesus speak these words and why is that significant?
2. How is Jesus “stepping into His scriptural surroundings” and why does that matter?
3. List all the parties that Jesus mentions in this passage. What dangers do sheep face?
4. Pick your way through the passage and make your own list of why Jesus is the GOOD shepherd.
5. How does John 10:18 remind us that Jesus does not and will not leave us shepherd-less?

WORK IT OUT!

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1. What was new and most challenging for you in this week’s text/message? What sorts of questions emerge for you from this text?
2. Why is Jesus’ claim to be the Good Shepherd not a compliment to us? What does it imply about us? Why is this hard for us to accept?
3. Why, if we resist what Jesus is telling us about ourselves, do we also love and treasure this passage?
4. All of us are sheep. But are all of us Jesus’ sheep? What things mark the sheep of Jesus?

Growth Groups consist of 6-12 people who gather once a week over a 10 week period to study God’s Word, pray and care for one another. Growth Groups are a “fast track” into life at Grace.

Winter Growth Group enrollment is happening today!