THE GOSPEL OF JOHN Chapter 10

INTRODUCTION...

In Chapter Ten Jesus makes Himself known as the Good Shepherd...the one who takes care of those sheep that follow Him and recognize Him as the Son of God. As our Shepherd we can always trust that Jesus will seek our best interest; He will feed us, dispel us of fear, protect us from the enemy and keep us close to Him. Pay close attention throughout chapter 10 for all that Jesus does for us as our Good Shepherd. For a better understanding of what our Shepherd does for us read Psalm 23.

Jesus then petitions the religious leaders to believe in Him based on all the works He has performed since they will not listen to His words. After being rejected by them, Jesus goes beyond the Jordan and is sought out by those who need no sign in order to believe in him...only the words of John the Baptist. The Lord always desires that we will believe Him based on His word, not miracles. Do you often find yourself seeking a sign from the Lord in order to believe?

Be sure that you read the questions carefully to make sure that you have answered the complete question. You will notice that some of the questions may have more than one part.

Remember that you will be using the Inductive Bible Study (IBS) method of study. Which means that in each study you will be required to make observations, interpretations and application of what you have observed and interpreted? (see further explanation in Study #1)

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE...

John 10:10

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. NKJV

THIS WEEKS BIBLE STUDY...CHAPTER TEN...

Be sure and pray before you begin your bible study, asking the Lord to reveal those things that He wants you to know from the text you are reading.

Read through the chapter, at least twice, and then answer the following questions. Be sure to write the Scripture reference to support your answer.

Who is the doorkeeper?
What did Jesus mean by "they know his voice"?
What did Jesus mean by vs. 7?
Who do you think the thieves and robbers are? Are there thieves and robbers today?
Why did Jesus come?

ADescribe how Jesus has made your life more abundant?
How do you know a good shepherd from a bad one?
What does Jesus mean by a hireling?
Why do you think the hireling flees?
What is the relationship between a shepherd and his sheep?
Who do you think Jesus was talking about when He said "other sheep" in vs. 16?

What do you think Jesus meant by "one flock" and "one shepherd"?
In your own words explain vs. 18?
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Why do you think there was a division among the Jews? (Be specific and explain your answer.)
What were the "others" in vs. 21 trying to say?
What time of year was it at this time?
When had Jesus previously told them He was the Christ?

What did Jesus mean by "they bear witness of Me"?
What encouragement can we draw from vs. 28-29?
What important spiritual truth can we draw from vs. 30? Why is it so important?
What spiritual truth can we draw from vs. 33?
What do you think Jesus meant by vs. 34, "You are gods"? (See Psalm 82:6 & Exodus 22:8-9)

Write down some of the things that the Lord spoke to your heart while studying Chapter 10?
QUESTIONS?
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