

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

“KINGDOM COME SERIES”

JOHN 10:1-30

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1. The Gospel of John is uniquely different (92%), from the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). Do you view that fact as a ‘problem’ or a ‘positive?’
2. The Bible often compares believers to Sheep (Isaiah 53:6; Psalm 100:3). Of all the characteristics mentioned concerning Sheep, which one do you identify with the most...and why?
3. John 10:6 tells us that this passage is a ‘paroimia,’ a saying, a word picture or figure of speech and not a parable. Do you believe that the Jewish Leaders understood that they were ‘false shepherds’ concerning their leadership over Israel? He calls them ‘thieves’ and ‘robbers’..how do you think they felt about being called those names?
4. Two of the seven “I AM” sayings are discovered in this passage. Jesus boldly declares, “I am the door”...of salvation. Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the only way to have a relationship with the Father, God? Look at John 14:6 and Acts 4:12 for reference. What would you say to someone who says, “There are many avenues to have a relationship with God!?”
5. John clearly shows the Divinity of Jesus (He was also human yet without sin) throughout his Gospel. Look at these verses: John 1:1, 14, 34, 49; 10:30; 17:5. John also uniquely distinguishes Jesus with the term, “Son of God” some 41 times. Why is the Divinity of Jesus so vitally important to our faith? Why are ‘cults’ like the Jehovah’s Witnesses or Mormons so focused on refuting His Divinity?
6. The Jewish Leadership (False Shepherds) continually tried to trap, test or kill Jesus--look up these verses: 7:1; 8:6, 59; 10:31, 39. Why was there seemingly such a “hatred” of Jesus Christ? How do you think our Lord felt fully knowing what they were trying to do?
7. Well over a hundred times Jesus calls God “the Father” showing a deep intimate bond relationally between the two. Share an experience of when you felt an intimate relationship with the Lord. Have you had times when you “heard the voice” of God speak to you through His Word? Are you able to distinguish the voice of “the Good Shepherd” in comparison to “False Shepherds?”