



DIGGING DEEPER

John 10v11-21 – Knowing the Shepherd

PLEASE READ – John 10v1-21

GETTING STARTED

Summarise **John 10v1-10** in your own words... Keep it as simple as possible!

1) THE GOOD SHEPHERD... LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS SHEEP

Why do you think Jesus uses the language of 'laying down his life' rather than 'dying'?

Why is that so important to understand? How does that make you feel?

2) THE GOOD SHEPHERD... LIVES FOR HIS SHEEP

Talk about the claim Jesus makes in v17-18 and why that provokes the reaction it does in v19-21...

What gives Jesus the authority to say things like that? Think about how Jesus begins his claim in v11...

3) THE GOOD SHEPHERD... CARES FOR HIS SHEEP

Chat about the contrast between the hired hand and the shepherd in v12-13. Who is the hired hand?

Talk about different ways you have experienced the care of the good shepherd...

4) THE GOOD SHEPHERD... KNOWS HIS SHEEP

How does Jesus describe the relationship between himself and his sheep in v14-15? Why is that such a stunning reality?

5) THE GOOD SHEPHERD... HAS OTHER SHEEP

Who are the 'other sheep' in v16?

How should that verse encourage and drive your evangelistic endeavours?

Meditate on the words of Isaiah below...

V10: *See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power,
and he rules with a mighty arm.*

V11: *He tends his flock like a shepherd:
he gathers the lambs in his arms
and carries them close to his heart;
he gently leads those that have young.*