## KNOWING JESUS, THE GOOD SHEPHERD



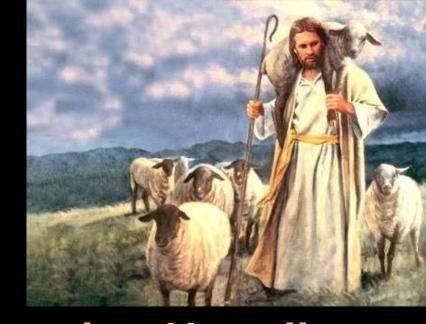
**JOHN 10:1-18** 

I. The Good Shepherd enters through the gate -John 10:1-2.



 Why are all other religious leaders illegitimate?

 Why is the entrance of Jesus the only legitimate way to come to the sheep? II. The Good Shepherd calls His sheep by name and leads them (v.3-4).



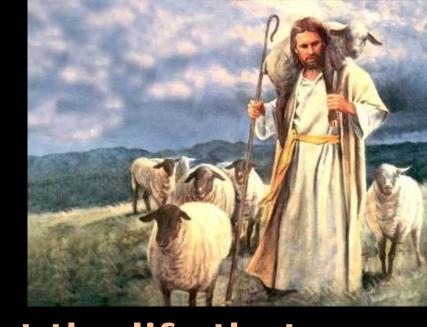
 How does it feel to know that He calls you by name?

 What will help you to better hear and recognize His voice? Shepherd is the door (v.7-9).



 What was the shepherd's role as the 'door of the sheep?'

 What is our relationship with Jesus as the door for our sheepfold? IV. The Good
Shepherd gives life
abundantly because
He gave His life
(v.10-11).



 What is abundant about the life that Jesus offers to His sheep?

 What does His death have to do with the abundant life that is available to us? V. The Good Shepherd knows His sheep and makes them one flock (v.14-16).



 What will help us to better know our Good Shepherd?

What is the significance of us all being one flock?

VI. The Good Shepherd has authority to lay down and take up His life (v.17-18).



• Why would all of this be impossible if He could not take His life up again?

 What assurance do you have of His laying down and taking up His life? Call to Action: To know, listen to and confidently follow our Good Shepherd.



- What comfort and motivation comes from knowing Jesus as the Good Shepherd?
- What do you need for Jesus to do for you as He serves as the door of the sheepfold?
- Do you have the assurance that He alone can offer the abundant life?
- How will you respond to the One who laid down and took up His life?

-How can we help?