JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

John 10:1-21

Key Verse: 10:11

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

1. How can one distinguish the shepherd from a thief or robber (1-3a, 6)? Observe And describe the relationship between a shepherd and sheep (3b-5)? What does this teach about the way of shepherding?

2. What did Jesus declare about himself (7)? What does this mean to a)thieves and robbers (8), and to b)the sheep (9)? Find all expressions that tell about the purpose or motivation of shepherding.

3.  What did Jesus proclaim about himself?(11) How is the hired hand different from the shepherd (12-13; Eze 34:1-4) What do the words like “wolf”, “attack”, “scatter”, “lay down” show us about the practical aspects of shepherding?

4. Why is Jesus the good shepherd? (14-15) What kind of relationship does Jesus have with his sheep, and with the Father (14-15, 17-18)? How did Jesus prove himself to be a good shepherd (Jn 9, 11,17-18)

5. How has Jesus(God) been a good shepherd for you? What might be important in being a good shepherd?