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STORYTELLER

THE PARABLES OF JESUS

For the past 2 months we have been taking a deeper look into the parables of Jesus in our sermon series "The Great Storyteller." This week we wrap up our series with a look at what Jesus tells us in John Chapter 10. In John 10:1-21 Jesus speaks very plainly about Himself: who He is and why He has come. He calls Himself the door of the sheep and the only one by which we must enter. He also calls Himself the "Good shepherd," and the one who lays down His life for the sheep. What a powerful image of the sacrifice, love and provision given to us through the cross!

John 10:7-15

"So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep."

Read: John 9:35-41, John 10:1-21, Psalm 139:4 & 9, 2 Corinthians 11:23-27, Philippians 3:8-9

1. What is the context Jesus is speaking in the parable of the good shepherd in John 10? (See John 9)
2. Who is Jesus comparing himself to in verse 1-3 of John 10?
 - What does the shepherd know? (Psalm 139:4 & 139:16)
3. What did Jesus mean when He said, "I am the door"?
 - What other passages talk about Jesus being the entrance or the way?
4. Jesus says "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." So, then, what is "the abundant life"?
5. We hear a lot of heresies today in which the term "abundant life" is taught completely wrong. What did Paul warn us about in 2 Corinthians 11:23-27? Also, read Philippians 3:8-9.
6. What did Kyle emphasize about John 10:17?