

## The Gospel of John week 10

John 10:1-21

What are we blind to?

We are blind to the fact there is more than one \_\_\_\_\_.

**Voice #1: The Shepherd**

John 8:31-32 (NLT) Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

**Voice #2: The Thief**

John 8:44 (NLT) [the devil] was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.

We are blind to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the different voices.

John 10:10 (NLT) The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

The good shepherd \_\_\_\_\_ the sheep; the thief is self-serving.

John 10:11,13 (NLT) "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep...The hired hand runs away because he's working only for the money and doesn't really care about the sheep."

The good shepherd has a \_\_\_\_\_ with the sheep, the thief doesn't.

John 10:14 (NLT) "I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me."

John 10:22-42

The \_\_\_\_\_: "You aren't really saved"

The \_\_\_\_\_: John 10:27-29 (NLT) My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand.

The rich and satisfying \_\_\_\_\_: living with no fear of death or eternity.

**Final Thought: Which voice are you \_\_\_\_\_ to? A big part of the journey is learning the Shepherd's voice and obeying it. Only then will your life be rich and satisfying.**

John 10 Discussion Questions

Which real world illustration do you identify best with; being blind or sheep and their shepherd? Explain.

Read John 10:10. Describe a time in your life that you can now see there was a voice deceiving you. Did you act on the deception or did you recognize it? Explain. Describe a time in your life when God has led you toward "a rich and satisfying life".

Read John 10:22-30.

Verses 27-30 Jesus walks us through the process of recognizing a deception by comparing it to a known truth. Deception = I'm not really saved. Known truth = Jesus gives us eternal life, no one can snatch us away, and God is more powerful than anyone else. Have you ever heard and/or believed this deception?

Identify as many common deceptions the enemy uses and the known Biblical truth to counteract it as you can. Example: deception = I'm am worthless. Biblical truth = I am God's masterpiece (Ephesians 2:10).

Read John 10:31-42. Obviously the tension is rising between Jesus and those that don't believe in him. In the last few verses John reminds us of John the Baptist and events from earlier in the gospel. Why do you think he included this?