



BIKER BIBLE GROUP (BBG) AGENDA

TOPIC: John 10

BEFORE YOU ATTEND THE NEXT BIKER BIBLE GROUP (BBG) MEETING ...

Pray: For your group leaders and for others in your BBG group. Also remember to pray for the ministry team at the Biker Bible Institute.

Read: John 10

Focus: On the story of the Good Shepherd and His sheep (John 10:1-21):

“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. **2** The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. **3** The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. **4** When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. **5** But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” **6** Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

7 Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. **8** All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. **9** I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. **10** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. **12** The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. **13** The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

14 “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— **15** just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. **16** I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. **17** The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. **18** No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

19 The Jews who heard these words were again divided. **20** Many of them said, “He is demon-possessed and raving mad. Why listen to him?”

21 But others said, “These are not the sayings of a man possessed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

Review: The Supporting Scripture passages below:

- [Jer 23:1-2, NIV] “Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. 2 Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the LORD.
- [Ezek 34:1-2, NIV] The word of the LORD came to me: 2 “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Woe to you shepherds of Israel who only take care of yourselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock?’
- [Matt 23:2, NIV] The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat.
- [Eph 2:18, NIV] For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.
- [Ps 23:2, NIV] He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters
- [Isa 40:11, NIV] 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.

Reflect: Each Support Scripture passage was selected because it connects to something that is going on in the Focal (Focus) Scripture passage. Reflect on possible connections and pray about deeper meanings for this special story.

AT THE BBG MEETING ...

Social: Start with fellowship. If possible, set aside 30-60 minutes for a meal together or heavy snacks in someone's home. Enjoy being friends together!

Pray: Open together with prayer. Remember to pray for needs in your community.

Read: The Focal Scripture (John 10:10).

Talk: Talk about the Focal Scripture.

- What was going on? What are the key points of the story?
- Did anything stand out in this passage?
- What would someone remember after reading it?

Talk: About the questions for this session.

Observation

- What is (are) the central thought(s) in John 10?
- Are there any words or ideas that keep coming up in the passage?
- Who is (are) the main characters in the passage?

Interpretation

- What do you think this Scripture passage meant to the early church?
- What was the writer trying to tell the world about Jesus?
- Are there any eternal truths for us in this passage? Explain.

Application

- How might this passage apply to us today?
- Does this passage speak to any needs or problems in modern society?
- Is there any part of this passage we could turn into a prayer?

Reflect: Standard Discipleship Questions: "Based on what we read and talked about..."

- "What should I start doing in my life?"
- "What should I stop doing in my life?"
- "What should I change in my life?"

Look: Ahead to the next BBG session (John 11).

Pray: For each other, your community and your leaders, the BBI ministry team, and the peace of Jerusalem.

AFTER THE BBG MEETING ...

Act: On your insights from the “Discipleship Questions.” Pray about ways you might start, stop, or change doing something in your life. Ask the Holy Spirit for help.

Invite: Someone new to your next BBG group.

And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who ride (*walk*) on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it. (Isa 35:8, NIV)

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