

John 10 – Good and Bad Shepherds?

These are the leaders notes from the Kielder Bible Study Group for the meeting that was held on 8th January 2013

Recap New Years Resolutions

Q Has anyone made a new years resolution?

Q Have they broken it yet?

I thought at the start of this session it would be good to look at Psalm 15

It is a very short Psalm read it through as a whole to start with then we will re-read it in the message.

Psalm 15 -

GOD, who gets invited to dinner at your place?

How do we get on your guest list?

2“Walk straight, act right, tell the truth.

3-4“Don’t hurt your friend, don’t blame your neighbor; despise the despicable.

5“Keep your word even when it costs you, make an honest living, never take a bribe.

“You’ll never get blacklisted if you live like this.” The Message

Q Practically over this coming year how can we “get on God's guest list?”

Recap

Can anyone think back to early December when we considered chapter 9. What were the key points from it?

The man blind from birth

- Jesus healing him
- the man questioned by unbelieving neighbours
- the man questioned by unbelieving Pharisees
- the man increasingly standing up for himself
- Jesus meeting the man again

the man worshipping Jesus

John 10

Chapter 10 is all about shepherds and sheep. - Something some of us are real experts at.

Firstly Jesus mentions the bad Shepard 1-10

V1-6 Q Who is the thief and robber?

Q How does the sheep recognise the Shepard?

Q How does this apply to us now?

v7-10

Q What does Jesus mean when he says he is the gate?

The passage and events would have reminded the Jews of Ezekiel 34

Then He talks about the Good Shepard 11-21

(The word good could be translated as excellent.)

v11-13

Q How does Jesus compare to the hired hand?

Q How can we relate this to today's world?

v14-18

Q What does Jesus say the Good Shepard does for his sheep? A lays down his life

Q What do we think Jesus is saying in v16? - other sheep - gentiles

Q What do we think about Jesus's claim that we were called in the same way as God called Jesus v18

v19-21

Ten weeks have now passed and Jesus comes back to Jerusalem

The feast of Dedication – The commemoration of the Temple by Judas Maccebus in

December 165 BC after it had been profaned by Antiochus Epiphanes

v22-24

Q What did the Jews want Jesus to confirm?

v25-30

Jesus listed a number of reasons as to why people do not believe – can we identify them?

- False assumptions v24
- Poor listening v25
- Bad sight v 25
- Wrong owner v 26

To Contrast this Jesus lists a number of reasons as to why people believe – can we identify these?

- Attentive hearing v27
- Clear vision v27
- Genuine experience v28

v31-33

Q Why do the Jews try to stone Jesus? - What do we think of the irony of the situation?

v34-39

Q How would we put what Jesus is saying in our own words?

V40-42

Q How do these verses in this chapter reflect the challenge between faith and logic?

Recap

In this chapter Jesus uses the teaching of a picture of a sheepfold:-

declaring himself to be the door to the fold

declaring himself to be the Shepherd of the sheep

Also being challenged at the Feast of Dedication

- declaring he is the bringer of eternal life

- declaring he is one with the Father
- being opposed for blasphemy
- challenging the people to believe his miracles
- going back into the countryside

Jesus split people either they were for Him or against, but it was becoming harder not to take a side.