

Insane or Divine

Proclamation Life Groups; Week of Sunday, June 7, 2015; Steve Thiel

Jesus Christ is both the door that leads us to the safety and security of eternal life and the good shepherd who lays down His life so that we might be saved through Him. There is only one appropriate response, to worship Him as Savior and follow Him as Lord. Read John 9:35 – 10:21 and answer the following questions.

I. Jesus is Calling His Sheep – Read and answer the following questions.

- A. How does John 10:19-21 help you understand the context and interaction of verses 1-18?
- B. Read Ezekiel 34:1-24. How does this background help you understand Jesus' parable in verses 1-6? Who are the "thieves" and "robbers"? Who is the one true "shepherd of the sheep"?
- C. What details do you notice about the shepherd and sheep? How does this connect to John 9?
- D. In your own testimony, how has Jesus called you by name and how have you responded?

II. Why Jesus is Calling His Sheep – Read and answer the following questions

- A. How is Jesus the door of the sheep? Can you think of other passages that relate to this idea?
- B. What two promises does Jesus make in John 10:9? How does verse 10 clarify those promises?
- C. Read Psalm 23:1-6? How do these verses help us to better understand the "abundant life"?
- D. How would you like to grow in trusting the Lord (going in and out and finding pasture) even when you're walking through the "valleys of the shadow of death" (the difficult times of life)?

III. How Jesus is Calling His Sheep – Read and answer the following questions

- A. What are all the things that the good shepherd does and how is he different than the hired hand?
- B. In verse 16, what does Jesus mean when He says, "I have other sheep that are not of this fold"?
- C. What statements in John 10:14-18 make Jesus sound like He's insane?
- D. How are you responding to Jesus (liar, lunatic, or Lord)? Are you absolutely convinced that you are a sheep and that He's the good shepherd? How is that reality changing your life?