

## Sheep and Shepherds

1. Read Psalm 79:13, Isaiah 53:6-10  
What are God's people described as?      What is the condition of the sheep?  
Why have the sheep gone astray? (Isaiah 53:6)      What was different about the lamb in Isaiah 53 to all the other sheep?      What did God's lamb bear for us?
2. Read Mark 6:34, Ezekiel 34  
How did Jesus view the people of Israel at that time?      In Mark what did they lack?  
What was the state of the shepherds in Israel in that time?      What had they failed to do      to the sheep?      What had they done instead?      What was God's comment on their failure?  
What would God do instead of the shepherds? (vs. 11-16)      Is this very wonderful?      How many shepherds would God raise up?      Who do you think this one shepherd is?      What would be the covenant God would establish with the sheep?  
What would be their final state? (vs. 30-31)
3. Read Matthew 10:5-20, Luke 15:3-7  
How did this begin? (Matthew 10)      What did Jesus come preaching and send out the disciples to preach?      Was this to heal the sick sheep?      Would the mission of preaching be easy?      What however in Luke 15 is the heart of God to every lost sheep?      How does Luke describe the finding of the sheep and where is the joy?
4. Read Psalm 23  
Who did David say was his Shepherd?      Did this mean that there was man between      himself and the Lord or a direct relationship?      Where did this Shepherd lead him?      What was provided for the sheep?      What was the state of his cup?      Where would he dwell for ever?      Would be his comfort even in death?
5. Read John 10:1-18 & 25-31  
How did Jesus describe himself?      What was the most important requirement for this shepherd to show He was a good shepherd?  
How did Jesus describe the other shepherds?      What would they do when the wolf came?      Those who had come to the sheep before, Jesus described as thieves and robbers - who do you think these are?  
Jesus came that the sheep might have what?  
Is this why He laid down His life for the sheep?  
In verse 27 what is the identification of the sheep?      What do they do?  
What does Jesus give them and what will never happen to them?
6. Read 1 Peter 1:18-19, 1 Peter 2:20-25  
Who is our example if we are to be His sheep?  
Do you think Jesus qualifies to be the shepherd of the sheep because He was such a perfect lamb?      Who are we now returned to?  
What is it that Jesus is the shepherd and bishop of? (bishop means overseer)
7. Read Hebrews 13:20-21, 1 Peter 5:1-4  
How is Jesus described in Hebrews?      What was He raised up through?  
Is that the basis of us being raised to newness of life?  
What can God do for us (vs. 21) because of the work of the great Shepherd?  
In Peter who is the chief Shepherd?      When is His appearing?  
What are the elders (under shepherds) told to do to the flock which is among them?
8. Read Numbers 28:1-8 and Romans 8:36  
What did God require to be offered continually?  
Do you think that being counted all the day long as sheep for the slaughter, i.e. being a continual living sacrifice unto the Lord, we fulfil God's desire for a continual burnt offering by our lives?

