John 10 Light and Darkness!

# How to Live Life to the Full

## (The Good Life Comes from the Good Shepherd)

#### In this Series...

- 1. We have learned that light and darkness are different worlds that compete and conflict with each other.
- 2. We have learned that God is light, and Christians can live in, and shine forth, the light of God's love.

### **Shepherds of the Bible**

Psalm 23

Week 6 of 6

- Abel (Genesis 2)
- Abraham (Genesis 12:16)
- Joseph (Genesis 37:12ff)
- Moses (Exodus 3:1)
- David (1 Samuel 16)
- God (Psalm 23; Isaiah 40:11)
- Jesus Christ (John 10; Matthew 9:34-38; 18:10-14 and 26:26-35)

### **Run Through the Gate to Life**

John 10:7-9

#### **Reach for His Goal**

John 10:10

### **Realize the Good Shepherd Makes Life Possible**

John 10:11-18

#### 1. He lays down His life for you.

(John 10:11,15,17)

<sup>11</sup> "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

#### 2. He knows your name and your need.

(John 10:3,14)

<sup>3</sup> "The watchman opens the gate for [the shepherd], and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out."

#### 3. He will lead you through life.

(John 10:9)

<sup>9</sup> "I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture."

### Respond Like a Good Sheep

John 10:25-30

His sheep...

#### 1. Listen to His voice.

(John 10:3,27)

#### 2. Follow where He leads.

(John 10:4)

### Result? They find life to the full!

### **Application Questions**

- 1. What makes it difficult to believe that He wants to give you the best in life?
  - How does His goal and your goal differ?
- 2. Are you a good listener?
  - How do you identify His voice?
  - Where in life are you hearing mixed voices?
- 3. Where have you heard His voice and know you need to follow?

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> "When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice."

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