

# Where The Grass Is Really Greener!

## John 10:1-13

### I. What Keeps Us From Seeing Spiritually?

1. Either/Or Thinking  
The answer: Look for God's "3rd option"
2. Doubt
3. Man-Made Rules
4. Fear

### II. What Enables Us To See Spiritually?

1. See Jesus in the Ordinary
2. See Jesus in Your Circumstances

#### Want to be a great witness for Christ?

Make a list of 3 ways where you can say, "Once I was blind, but now I see!"

1. Once I was \_\_\_\_\_, but now I \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Once I was \_\_\_\_\_, but now I \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Once I was \_\_\_\_\_, but now I \_\_\_\_\_
3. Trust Jesus With Your Life

2 parts of trust:

Enlightenment: A growth in understanding

Commitment: An expression of personal belief

#### 4. Humility

I have to admit that I'm spiritually blind before I can spiritually see.

John 10:1, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber."

My confusion about life is cleared up when I admit who I really am.

### III. I Am A Sheep.

1. I Am Vulnerable.  
Sheep stay in Folds.  
Sheep stay in Flocks.
2. I Am Easily Influenced.

John 10:2-5, "But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they

know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers."

## IV. What Does The Shepherd Do For The Sheep?

### 1. He Calls Us

His Voice Is Clear.

John 20:16, "Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master."

### 2. He Leads Us

His Direction Is Clear.

John 10:6, "This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them."

John 10:7-10, "Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

Ephesians 2:18, "For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father."

Hebrews 10:19-20, "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;"

John 10:11-13, "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep."

### 3. He Lays Down His Life For The Sheep

His Love Is Clear.

Ask yourself: Who or what am I going to allow to influence my life.

Will I fall prey to the thieves?

Thieves are: people who try to use you.

Will I trust the hired hand?

Hired hands are: people who don't care about you.

Will I follow the shepherd?

The shepherd is: The one who gave His life for you.

## V. Want To Enjoy "Greener Pastures?"

### 1. Listen to the Shepherd.

Who is speaking is more important than what they are saying!

### 2. Follow the Shepherd

We will follow someone... we might as well choose who!

### 3. Trust the Shepherd.

I have no need to wander; I can always trust His love.