

YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP I

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

John 10

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REVIEW

1. I am the Bread of Life John 6:35,48,51,58
2. I am the Light of the World John 8:12; 9:5
3. I am the Door John 10:7,9

FOURTH "I AM"

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep. John 10:11

I am the good shepherd; and I know my sheep, and am known by My own. John 10:14

CHARACTERISTICS OF A GOOD SHEPHERD

1. He is intrinsically and essentially a good shepherd John 10:11, 14
2. He is prepared to give his life for the sheep John 10:11
 - a. He is prepared to make many sacrifices
 - b. He is prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice for the sheep
3. He knows His sheep John 10:14b
 - a. He takes the trouble to know the sheep
 - b. He seeks to attend to the needs of the sheep individually
 - c. He cares for the welfare of the sheep
4. His sheep know Him
 - a. He is known to His sheep John 10:14b
 - b. He is approachable
 - c. Responsibility to know the shepherd must be made by the sheep

CONTRAST: THE HIRELING

1. He is not a true shepherd at heart John 10:12a
2. There is no sense of ownership John 10:12b
3. He flees in the face of danger John 10:12c, 13

FULFILLING THE CHARACTERISTICS

1. I lay down My life for the sheep John 10:15b
2. Bringing other sheep into the fold John 10:16a
3. One flock, one shepherd John 10:16b
 - a. Jews
 - b. Gentiles Cf. Galatians 3:26-29

BIBLE MEMORY

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