

## BIBLE STUDY: LESSON 20

Scripture of Lesson: John 10: 22~42

### 1. Messiah as the true shepherd of Israel

- a. What the true shepherd does: review from Lesson 19
  - i. God led and guided Israel as sheep out of Egypt through the wilderness: Ps 78:52~53
  - ii. David defended his flock against a lion and a bear: I Sam 17:34~35
  - iii. Shepherd provides rest to his flock, leads them to water and good pasture: PS. 23  
[Read together]
  - iv. Shepherd numbers the flock: Lev 27: 32 –We are individually counted and remembered.
  - v. Keeps the sheep and goats apart: Matt 25:32
  - vi. Keeps the flock in a fold: Num 32: 16, John 10:1
- b. Christ referred as “the great Shepherd” and “the chief Shepherd” in NT: Heb 13:20, I Peter 5:4
- c. Commission to Christian ministry
  - i. “Feed my lambs, feed my sheep” – John 21: 15~17
  - ii. Peter to church elders: “Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over God’s heritage, but being examples to the flock.” [I Pet 5: 11]
- d. Do we know Christ as our great Shepherd and follow Him as His sheep?
  - i. V. 27 “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”

### 2. Jesus fearless ministry in spite of the Jews’ hatred

- a. v. 30 “I and my Father are one.” –Clear declaration of who He is.
- b. Christ encouraged the unbelieving to believe in His works, which would help them come to belief. [v.38]
  - i. Our good works help people glorify God and believe. [Matt 5:15~16]
  - ii. Those, who are saved, are ordained to do good works. [Eph 2:10] “Created in Christ unto good works”

### 3. Our clear and bold testimony for Jesus in today’s world

- a. Are our words and actions clearly manifesting that we are God’s children and followers of Christ?
  - i. Our verbal witnessing of Jesus as the Savior of the world
  - ii. Our living testimony by living out the moral code of God --“Let your light shine ...”
  - iii. “Love one another; by this the world will know you are my disciples” [John 13: 34~35]