



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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John 10:11-21 Scripture Handout New International Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.

Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
 2. What does this verse mean to me?
- Discuss your answers with the class.

(John 10:11) “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

(John 10:12) The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it.

(John 10:13) The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

(John 10:14) “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—

(John 10:15) just as the Father knows me and I know the Father--and I lay down my life for the sheep.

(John 10:16) I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

(John 10:17) The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life--only to take it up again.

(John 10:18) No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

(John 10:19) The Jews who heard these words were again divided.

(John 10:20) Many of them said, “He is demon-possessed and raving mad. Why listen to him?”

(John 10:21) But others said, “These are not the sayings of a man possessed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

Write out the verse or verses you have been assigned below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Personal Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?