

Sermon Discussion Questions for December 13, 2015

John 10:1-18

“Jesus Came to Bring Abundant Life”

A. Introduction: When you hear the term, “abundant life,” what comes to mind? How have you typically defined it (before today’s sermon)?

B. Common (mis)interpretations:

1. materially
2. emotionally
3. circumstantially

NOTE: In every heresy there is some truth (which makes the heresy believable). The following verses certainly teach that there are material, emotional, and circumstantial benefits from knowing and following Christ: *Prov. 3:9-10; 6:6-8; 12:24; 13:4; John 15:11; 16:22; Gal. 5:16-24*

C. “Context is king.” What is the context and theme of John 10? Jesus the _____.

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| 1. He enters (vs. 1,2) | 5. He leads (vs. 3) |
| 2. He owns vs. 3) | 6. He dies (vs. 11) |
| 3. He knows (vs. 14) | 7. He rises (vs. 18) |
| 4. He calls by name (vs. 3) | |

NOTE: John 10 is a beautiful description of the _____!

D. Doesn’t the gospel always require us to _____ and _____? Mk 1:15

We are sheep . . . wayward . . . willful . . . foolish . . . helpless . . . eat poisonous weeds and drink polluted water. *John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they [you] may have life and have it abundantly.*

E. The abundant life is _____!

1. It may have a material component (Psalm 23:1-2)
2. It has an emotional component (Psalm 23:3a)
3. It has a moral component (Psalm 23:3b)
4. It may have a suffering component (Psalm 23:4)
5. It has an overflowing/abundant component (Psalm 23:5)
6. It has an eternal component (Psalm 23:6)
7. Ultimately the abundant life is _____!

“In the gospel we have been given the gift of _____” (author unknown)

F. Application questions:

1. Do I have and enjoy this *abundant life* that Jesus offers?
2. If so, how do I respond to this incredible gift? If not, how do I “get it.”

I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they [you] may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. (John 10:9-11)