



# SERMON CHEAT SHEET

The Great Shepherd and The True Sheep | John 10:22-42

## EMBRACING OUR IDENTITY AS HIS SHEEP

### Seeking Jesus Over Answers: The Heart of Relationship

In our walk with Christ, we must strive to want Jesus Himself, not merely the answers He provides. Often, we treat Him like a divine vending machine, only addressing Him when we need something or direction. However, true sheep, as Jesus described us in John 10, desire a relationship with the Good Shepherd. His words, 'My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me' (John 10:27), remind us that the essence of our faith lies in our willingness to engage in a genuine connection with Him. It's in these relational moments of quiet time and worship that we truly come to know Him as our Shepherd.

### Resting in His Hands: Security in Our Shepherd

One of the most comforting truths from John's Gospel is the assurance of our safety in Jesus. 'No one will snatch them out of my hand' (John 10:28) illustrates the profound security we have as His sheep. While we may feel prone to wander or falter in our faith, our Shepherd holds us tightly. We don't earn our place in His family through works; instead, we rest in the security of knowing He keeps us safe. This understanding allows us to approach challenges in life without fear, knowing that our standing with God is not dependent on our performance but on His unfailing love.

### Recognizing His Voice Through His Works: Trust in Action

Jesus invites us to recognize Him by His works. In John 10:37-38, He challenges those around Him to consider His miracles and the truth they reveal about His identity. As we reflect on our lives, it is essential to recognize how God has acted in our midst. Whether through answered prayers, moments of guidance, or changed lives, these works should point us back to His nature and character. By focusing on what He has done and is doing, we cultivate a deeper trust that compels us to follow Him faithfully.

### Celebrating Our Unworthiness: The Grace of the Shepherd

In this call to embrace and follow Jesus, we also face the raw reality of our unworthiness. The beauty of the Gospel is that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). It's a humbling reminder of the extent of His love, even when we feel undeserving or distant from Him. Recognizing this grace should lead us to a deeper appreciation for our Shepherd who not only cares for us but also sacrifices for us. We must remember that He seeks the lost, and His love reaches out to those who feel most unworthy of it.

## LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK

- Make time this week to intentionally connect with God without asking for anything; simply be in His presence.
- Reflect on instances where you've experienced God's goodness or miracles in your life; share these stories with someone to encourage them.
- Pray about areas in your life where you struggle with control, asking God to help you respond with humility instead.

## PRAYER PROMPTS

- Ask God to help you recognize His voice amidst the noise of everyday life.
- Pray for a deeper relationship with Jesus based on love, not just requests.
- Intercede for those in your life who are struggling with disbelief, asking the Holy Spirit to open their hearts.