

FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS (July 30, 2017)

In His Grip (John 10:22-42) Small Group Study Notes

Getting to know you: What is your favorite holiday and why?

Background:

- What is the backstory of Hanukkah?
- Who were the Maccabees?
- What does Hanukkah mean?
- Where does the lighting of candles during Hanukkah have its roots? Why 8 candles plus the center one?
- What does it look like or when should a person rededicate their life to Christ?
- What was the name of the two famous Rabbi's who argued the order in which the candles should be lit?
- Where was the Hanukkah candelabra to be placed? What is significant about that?
- Which candle was used to light the other 8 candles? Who does it represent and why is it important?

Read John 10:22-42

- Sheep follow/Goats butt heads (vs. 22-27)

- What time of year was it when this event took place?
- Where did this conversation occur? What other later events happened here (Acts 3:11 and Acts 5:12)?
- Why were they trying to get Jesus to come right out and say He was Messiah?
- What two proofs did He give them that He was Messiah (vs. 25-27)?
- In what do you show yourself a sheep of the Lords? In what way are you following the Lord? Give examples.
- What will happen with the sheep and goats at the end of the age (Matthew 25:31-35)?

2) Safe in His Grip (vs. 28-30)

- Can a person ever lose their salvation?
- In light of the context (Jesus is the Great Shepherd) what are the implications that no one can snatch us out of His hand?
- In the "shepherd world" how might a sheep go missing?
- If time permits read some other passages that teach eternal security (1 Peter 1:5, Ephesians 1:13-14, Romans 8:35-39).
- What did Jesus mean when He said: "I and the Father are One (vs. 30)?"

3) Accusations and Explanations (vs. 31-42)

- Why did the Jews want to stone Him (kill Him)?
- What do you find confusing about vs. 35-36? What passage was Jesus quoting? What was His point?
- Jesus implies if you can't believe what I say you should at least consider what (vs. 37)?
- Where does Jesus retreat to after they threaten Him? Why this location?

CLOSE:

- Are you more like a sheep (follow) or a goat (butt heads)?
- What area of your life do you need to do better in when it comes to following Jesus?
- What does it do for your peace of mind to know that our salvation isn't up to us but up to Jesus?
- Do you find anything confusing about the truth: Jesus and God are One?
- What is your take away from this lesson?
- The next time you talk to a believer who is struggling with eternal security...what passage found here might you show them?