

Our Relationship with the Lord Jesus! ... John 10:1-42

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand." John 10:27-28 (ESV)

1. Our Relationship with the Lord Jesus is *Personal*...

Scripture: John 10:1-4, Psalm 23

2. Our Relationship with the Lord Jesus is Protected... Scripture: John 10:5-18, John 11:25-26, Isaiah 53:2-12

3. Our Relationship with the Lord Jesus is Secure...

Scripture: John 10:27-30

1. What stood out to you in tonight's message and scripture passages? ...Be descriptive!

2. In John 10:14-18 the Lord Jesus said, "...I lay down My life that I may take it up again. <u>No one takes it from</u> <u>Me</u>, but <u>I lay it down of My own accord</u>. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again."

- Summarize together what the Lord Jesus is telling us here...
- How does this truth influence your thoughts and understanding of all the Lord Jesus has done for you, especially regarding "Good Friday" and "Resurrection Sunday" coming up this week? How does it affect your daily life and the choices you make? ...explain!

3. How do you discern the voice of Jesus, our Good Shepherd, speaking into your heart and life?

- Can you distinguish His voice from the other voices in your life that seek to influence your thinking and choices...(the world's voice, the enemy's voice, your own voice)? ...explain!
- We can often have emotional "feelings" about a certain thing (especially if it's something we want, or want to do) and drift into assuming that it is the Lord speaking to us. How can you tell the difference and grow in recognizing the voice of the Lord Jesus speaking into your life?
- Are there areas in your life that you are holding on to and not giving over to the Lord...ignoring His voice. What are you going to do about it? ...be descriptive and honest!

4. Is there anything from tonight's discussion that spoke to you personally? In what way(s) does it affect your life? How will you directly and specifically apply it in your life today?

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)

How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life? *Discuss your answer with your group...*

- Prayer (Relationship)
- God's Word (Knowledge and Understanding)
- Worship (Adoration)
- Fellowship (Encouragement and Accountability)
- Service (Caring for Others, Action to your Belief)