

LESSON 19 – THE GOOD SHEPHERD

1. **What does a shepherd in the parable do when he brings out all his sheep?**
The shepherd goes ahead of the sheep and the sheep follows him because they know his voice. (Jn 10:4)
2. **Who did Jesus say was the gate for the sheep?**
Jesus said that he himself was the gate for the sheep. (Jn 10:7)
3. **What does the thief come to the sheepfold for?**
The thief comes to steal and kill and destroy. (Jn 10:10)
4. **How can we say Jesus is our good shepherd?**

No .	A Shepherd	Jesus, as a Good Shepherd
1	A shepherd protects and saves his sheep from the wolves and other dangers & finds those sheep that are lost .	When we turn away from Jesus by sinning, he finds us by calling us back to his love, protecting us and saving us from dangers.
2	A shepherd must feed his Sheep	Jesus gives us spiritual food in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.
3	A shepherd leads his sheep to green pastures where they will be happy.	Jesus came to lead us to eternal life i.e., to heaven, the only place where we will be truly happy.

5. **Why does a hired hand run away when the wolf comes to catch the sheep?**
The hired hand does not care for the sheep. (Jn 10:13)
6. **Who were the first people to go and adore the infant Jesus?**
The shepherds were the first to adore the baby Jesus. (Lk 2: 8-16)
7. **Name a few shepherds mentioned in the Old Testament?**
Abel, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, David, Amos

PARABLE OF THE SHEEP AND GOATS (MT 25:31-46)

1. Jesus' discourse on "the sheep and the goats" is also referred to "The Judgment of the Nations". Both of these are derived from the verse reading: "All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats." Who will be doing this separating? Hint

- God the Father
- The Son of Man
- St. Michael the Archangel
- Moses

2. In this passage, the "sheep" are used as a metaphor for the righteous. Where does this metaphorical shepherd put these sheep?

- At his right hand
- Above all others
- At the foot of his throne
- With the angels

3. "The king will say to [the sheep], 'Come, you that are blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from _____.'" What phrase goes in the blank?

- The glory of heaven
- The foundation of the world
- The power of the Lord
- The fruits of righteousness

4. "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me _____." What word or phrase completes the quote?

- Something to drink
- Wine
- Water
- Coffee

5. Another action of the blessed the king cites is: "I was a stranger and you _____ me." What act is referenced here in the NRSV?

- Welcomed
- Loved
- Housed
- Liveried

6. The king continues: "I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you _____." What did the righteous do for those in prison?

- Freed me
- Bailed me out
- Testified for me
- Visited me

7. After the king praises the righteous for their acts of compassion, they ask him when they have ever helped him in times of need. He replies: "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to _____, you did it to me." Who are the king's surrogates in this NRSV passage?

- My servants
- Your neighbors
- My disciples
- The least of these members of my family

8. After addressing the righteous, the king turns to the other group, the putative "goats". How does the king address these?

- "I cast you into limbo."
- "I will strike down upon thee with great vengeance and furious anger those who attempt to poison and destroy my brothers. And you will know my name is The Lord when I lay my vengeance upon you."
- "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me."
- "Depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels."

9. The "goats" in this passage protest, asking when they ever saw the king in need. He responds: "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of _____, you did not do it to me." What words go in the blank?

- My people
- The least of these
- My family
- My children

10. Where in the Gospel of Matthew can Jesus' discourse on "The Sheep and the Goats" be found?

- Matthew 5: 3-12
- Matthew 25: 31-46
- Matthew 6: 5-15
- Matthew 27: 26-54