

**Who is the Source of My Security?***I Am - the Good Shepherd!* John 10

All security comes from Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_!

Our *sense of security (S.O.S.)* depends upon who we’re \_\_\_\_\_.**Security of Sheep (S.O.S.):****1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God is Our Assurance of \_\_\_\_\_ 1-9***He calls His own sheep by name and \_\_\_\_\_ them.***2. The Life of Christ is Our Assurance of \_\_\_\_\_ 10-18***I am come that they might have life...abundantly! (10)*

- Jesus gives His \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus’ life is \_\_\_\_\_.
- We enter abundant life only by \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.
- We are being given \_\_\_\_\_ life as we are \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.

Security Check: **Am I following Jesus to abundant Life?***Is my Life being stolen or destroyed?*- **Have I \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ Life or am I \_\_\_\_\_ my own life?** John 12:25f.*“But what if I want to live \_\_\_\_\_ life or go \_\_\_\_\_?”**John 10:1, 7-9, 26 cf. 14:6*- Am I **following** Jesus to Life or the \_\_\_\_\_ course to \_\_\_\_\_?

○ Following Jesus: John 10:27-29

○ Following the World Course: Ephesians 2:1-4

*“But what if I don’t follow \_\_\_\_\_?”*

What does “following Jesus” look like?

- **Not** like a \_\_\_\_\_:
- Is like sheep:

**3 The Power of God is Our Assurance of Permanence***They shall \_\_\_\_\_ perish, and \_\_\_\_\_ can snatch them.*• **Security is based upon a \_\_\_\_\_.***“I know my own and my own know Me.”*• **Security is granted by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.***“I lay down my life for the sheep.”*• **Security is guaranteed by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.***“He shall be saved...eternal life...never perish...”*• **Security is protected by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.***“My Father, who has \_\_\_\_\_ them, is \_\_\_\_\_ than all!”*Security Check: **How secure am I really?****Objectively:** How long is “\_\_\_\_\_ life?”**Subjectively:** How secure I \_\_\_\_\_ depends on how well I \_\_\_\_\_.Challenge: **Experiencing the security that is mine in Jesus!**

What are you really trusting and what are you willing to release?

**Hebrews 13:5-6** The firm grip on life.

## Discussion Guide: *Am I Secure?*

(If you didn't do last week's discussion I encourage you to engage it first!)

**Opener: Share a few times in life that your *sense of security* was shaken?**

- What was the threat?
- Where did you try to find security?
- Did it work?

What might be some of our (Christian) *security blankets*?

Which of them might give a false sense of security?

**1. Our security is in Jesus' call.** So we sense security as we hear Him.

- What do you think it means to "hear My voice?" (4, 5, 8, 16, 27)  
Is that just the call to salvation?  
Is there a daily part of hearing?
- What part of it is objective (doesn't change) and what part is personal (dynamic, constantly changing)?  
What part of this discussion scares you? (Some of it should!)
- Look at the ***Security Checks*** in point 1 and share what those look like in your personal life. Which of them are you less sure of?

**2. Our security in Jesus is eternal life-abundant.** So we live His life without limits.

- What parts of your life would you describe as life-**abundant**?
- What parts make you wonder why it seems less than **abundant**?
- Agree/disagree/dialogue with this statement:  
*"The best of everything in life is in the center of God's will for you."*  
If you agree, why is life so difficult at times?  
Would your bumper sticker better read: *"Life sucks, then you die?"*
- How could "laying down your life" and "giving up your life" be an essential part of experiencing life-abundant? (use your concordance if necessary)
- How does the contemporary reality of a faster pace of life without purpose impact you and your family? It's o.k. to be honest, b/c it certainly does.  
(Need to review your notes to refresh your memory? End of point 2!)

**Prayer Target: Hearts that listen to Jesus to follow Him fully.**

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