

**FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION (John 10:22-42)**

1. **Once again in this passage, we see that the spiritual leaders (who should be guiding the people) are blinded by their own ideas.**  
**As you look at your own life, where have your own preconceptions prevented you from seeing the truth in a situation?**  
**How were you ultimately able to see those situations rightly?**  
**Did you feel like there were specific "aha" moments where you saw your hindrances clearly, or was it more gradual?**  
**As you consider God's Word, are there currently any areas where you could be blinded by your own presuppositions?**  
**If not, will you prayerfully (and humbly) go before the Lord and ask Him to reveal areas where this could be happening?**  
**Remember the goodness of our Lord in His great grace and mercy toward us - confess & receive His forgiveness!**  
**Also, ask the Lord to continue to guide you in all truth and to remove your blinders where they persist!**
  
2. **In this pericope, Jesus explains to the people the reason for their rejection of Him as their Messiah.**  
**In verse 26, what does He say about them?**  
**What does this actually mean in their lives and what are the implications for us today (for help - read all of chapter 10)**  
**How does Jesus' response to them actually address the challenge they've presented to Him in verse 24?**  
**Does He truly answer their question or not? (And why do you feel it is or is not an answer to their question)?**
  
3. **Read verses 27-30**  
**What are some of the assurances Jesus gives to those who are His sheep?**  
**How do His words here specifically encourage your heart?**  
**What does it look like to follow Jesus as one of His sheep?**  
**Who is able to snatch you from Jesus' hand?**  
**Who is able to snatch you from The Father's hand?**  
**Do Jesus' words here bring you comfort or concern?**  
**How does it comfort you or concern you?**  
**Are you able to rest in the finished work of Jesus, or do you always feel a need keep working for His favor**  
**(not to be confused with working for His glory in response to the grace (unmerited favor) you've received).**  
**More directly - do you know Jesus' voice and do you seek to follow after Him?**  
**How does the Good Shepherd lead & direct your life (and what's His response when you wonder away from Him)?**  
**Do you feel secure in the grip of Jesus and the promise of eternal life that awaits you?**  
**If not, what is the source of your insecurity?**  
**Do you fear that Jesus & The Father might lose you from His grip?**  
**Do you fear that you aren't really one of Jesus' sheep because you still struggle with sin?**  
**Can your insecurity be overcome by knowing and understanding God's Word better?**  
**\*\*Read Romans 7 & 8 and take heart if you feel that struggling against sin means you aren't a sheep of Jesus!**

#### 4. Read verses 37-38

In this passage, Jesus pleads with his accusers to consider their own observations of Him so they could “know and understand”

What does he encourage them to consider in order for them to know and understand?

What are some of the obstacles that you’ve faced in your own life that have prevented you from trusting in Jesus?

What are some of the common obstacles that others face that prevent them from believing in Jesus?

How are those obstacles overcome? (And can we overcome them, or does the Lord overcome them on our behalf?)

How does this passage actually provide a further indictment against these religious leaders’ lack of belief/understanding?

What does it say about the human condition and the work of our God on our behalf to bring about salvation?

How can this help us in a conversation with somebody who asks for a sign or claims a lack of evidence of God?

(You can also consider other signs these leaders have witnessed and still denied that Jesus is the Christ).

How can this embolden and equip you to share the hope of Jesus with others? (Or does it not do that for you)?

#### 5. Below are the “So What?” statements from the end of the sermon.

Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, and if so, how?

If you belong to Jesus:

1. *Jesus knows you; you know His voice & follow Him!*
2. *The Father, greater than all, has given you to Jesus!*
3. *NO ONE can snatch you from Jesus’ hands!*
4. *Your everlasting life is secured by The Eternal One!*