

# Sheep From Another Fold

## John 10:16-21

**16** And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. **17** For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. **18** No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

**19** There was again a division among the Jews because of these words. **20** Many of them said, “He has a demon, and is insane; why listen to him?” **21** Others said, “These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

### I. Intro: Second Presbyterian: A Church for Others

#### II. Jesus has “other” sheep.

A. Jesus as the Good Shepherd is built on several OT images: David as a shepherd, Israel’s kings as shepherds, and the Lord as Shepherd.

B. Just as there are familiar sheep, “us,” so there are “other” sheep, “them.”

C. The term “have” demonstrates that this concern is immediate for Jesus, not future.

D. Application: Which group of “other” sheep that Jesus cares for, as their pastor/ shepherd, really bothers you — that is, that Jesus identifies them as sheep?

1. Step 1: We view them as Jesus does, since He calls them “my sheep”.

2. Let us ask questions and learn about their “otherness,” build relational bridges, and repent for our personal pre-judgments where necessary.

#### III. Jesus sacrificially serves “other” sheep.

A. Jesus voluntarily and willfully chose to lay down and take up His life for those sheep, as for these sheep. (17-18)

B. Jesus has His own missionary mandate. (16b)

C. Those sheep “will” listen to His voice.

D. How does Jesus’ own mandate shape the way you view the mandate He has given you?

#### IV. Jesus creates one flock.

A. Jesus created a single flock out of a multitude of “other” sheep.

B. God’s people were always intended to reflect this truth.

1. Isaiah 56:3a, 6-8

2. Ephesians 2:11-22

C. Note, however, that Jesus, the Shepherd of one flock, does cause division. (19-21). Sheep are divided from non-sheep by their response to Jesus.

D. How is our one Shepherd growing His “one flock” today here at Second?

#### V. What does it mean to be a church for “others”?

A. Since Jesus loves other sheep enough to create one flock for all of us, let us follow our Shepherd by adopting the very same attitude toward His sheep.

## Discussion Questions

1. What “others” has Jesus brought into your life? How are they “other”? Which aspects of their “otherness” are interesting, and which are distressing?

2. About which “other sheep” are you bothered because Jesus identifies them as “sheep”? How might Jesus’ identification of them as “sheep,” rather than “goats,” re-shape your attitude toward them?
  
3. Jesus voluntarily lay down His life for “other” sheep. How might the Lord be leading you to serve some of those “other” sheep? How might He be leading you to serve with some of those “other” sheep?
  
4. Look at Isaiah 56:3a, 6-8 and Ephesians 2:11-22. How do these passages shape our understanding of what “one flock” means in John 10:16?
  
5. In our city, which is rich in ethnic and cultural diversity, what does it mean that Jesus is creating “one flock”? How could that affect the way we “do church”?