

St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2025! Leading to Worship Sunday, May 11, 2025

Reading: John 10:22-30

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! EBC also has a video component on the St. John's website and St. John's YouTube channel. This week, we focus on the comfort in being Jesus' sheep, and the power of a simple act of hearing Jesus' voice. Click here:

<https://youtu.be/s1E8rMkQJo> Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two questions, and one action step!

Three Points

- It's still Easter, but it is also Jesus the Good Shepherd Sunday! So we focus on aspects of Jesus as our Shepherd in John 10. In this passage, Jesus is in the portico of Solomon, an outer gathering place on the east side of the Temple, typically meant for teaching.
- Some of the Jews listening express frustration: "'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep.'" (John 10:25-26)
- "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand." (John 10:27-28)

Two Questions

- Do you notice the awesome relationship described by Jesus? Jesus knows his sheep, and they follow! How do you follow Jesus? How does Jesus claim you as his sheep?
- Jesus' audience was a devout Jewish crowd, at the temple to celebrate a festival. Why would these people NOT be Jesus' sheep? Surely, they are not seemingly set aside simply because they were sinners. (See, e.g., 1 Timothy 1:15) Why didn't they "belong?" Is there a chicken-and-the-egg here? Maybe you can't belong without believing, but you can't believe without belonging? (Thank goodness Pentecost is on the way!)

Action Step

- Ask for a little Holy Spirit this week! By hearing Jesus' voice, you can have the faith to follow, you can follow in faith!

Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!