



The Good Shepherd

Scripture: John 10:14-18

Series: Abide With Us

Jesus comes as a shepherd who is willing to _____ down his _____ for his sheep.

Sheep:

- tend to _____ and _____ themselves.
- Sheep are vulnerable to _____.

The Shepherd:

- has a unique _____
- Has a unique _____

Jesus says he as the shepherd is willing to take on the role of the _____ in order to _____ the sheep.

Love, _____, and _____ are at the heart of Jesus's message.

We are called toward life _____ with _____ and mercy.

Start talking.

- As a kid, what was your favorite pet? How did this pet respond when it heard your voice?

Start thinking.

- What do the sheep, shepherd, and stranger represent? How does the story in chapter 9 provide one example of what this parable is about?
- What is the relationship of the shepherd to his sheep? How do the sheep respond to the shepherd? How does this relate to the Pharisees' difficulty in understanding Jesus?
- How does Jesus identify himself with the "good shepherd" (vv.11-15)? How does Jesus' death relate to his promise in verse 10?
- Who are the "other sheep" he must bring also? What characterizes his flock?
- What final claim does Jesus make (vv. 17-18)? Why do his listeners respond as they do? How would you have responded?

Start sharing.

- What turning point was significant for you in terms of hearing "God's voice" and responding?
- How do you discern his voice from those of so many others that vie for your attention?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

God, often I admit that I want to just trust in what I can see and am often can be in too much of a hurry to truly listen. Help me to slow down enough to pay attention to what you have to say. Help me to be patient and trust in each step. May I be found faithful as I point to you in every area of my life.

Start Doing:

- Look for where God is doing something in the ordinariness of life, and join Him.
- Acknowledge and thank God for His faithfulness in the past and place your current struggles at his feet and receive and live into the hope of what only He can do in your life.