

5/3/20 - I AM - The Good Shepherd.

John 10:11-18 study notes/questions

Read Ezekiel 34:1-24 and John 10:11-18 Questions of then/there...

What is the biggest issue God seems to have with the shepherds of Israel in Ezekiel?

What ideas do you see in Ezekiel that are echoed later in John?

Combine all of what the Good Shepherd does from Ezekiel and John. Does anything surprise you?

Questions of here/now...

Have you found yourself following something/ someone other than the good shepherd? If so, what was/is it?

How have you been like the shepherds of Israel in Ezekiel or the hired hand that Jesus talks about in John?

In Ezekiel 34:11 God says, "I myself will search and find my sheep" what kind of feelings does the stir up in you?

In what ways in your life is the Good Shepherd calling you to follow him?



Community Project

Add a cotton ball to your sacred space this week to represent who Jesus is as the Good Shepherd. Let that space be a visual reminder of who Jesus says he is.

Object Lesson

What you need:

- 1. CD
- 2. Bottle Bap
- 3. Thumbtack
- 4. Black Marker
- 5. Super Glue
- 6. Balloon

Instructions:

- 1. Draw a cross on the bottle cap and glue the bottle cap to the center of the CD. The CD represents us as followers of Christ, and attaching the bottle cap is an illustration of us taking up our cross.
- 2. Once the glue is dry, puncture some holes into the bottle cap with the thumbtack.
- 3. Blow up the balloon and place it over the bottle cap. The balloon represents the Holy Spirit. Observe how much easier the CD moves when it has the power of the balloon. When we trust Jesus to fill us, we can more easily follow his guidance.