

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

As preached on Sunday, March 1st

Read: John 10:14-21

1. Of all of the “I Am” statements in the gospel of John, “I am the good shepherd” is the one that seems to be the most well-known. Why do you suppose this is?
2. Verse 14 describes one aspect of Jesus’ shepherding care. What is it? How does this impact the way in which Jesus shepherds us?
3. Take a moment to read back through Psalm 23. How does it make you feel to realize that Jesus cares for you in this way?
4. On Sunday we talked about five things listed in Psalm 23 that we won’t lack as we are cared for by Jesus. What were they? Which is the most significant to you? Why?
5. Verse 11 describes a second aspect of Jesus’ shepherding care. What is it? How important is it that our shepherd is not only willing to do this, but has done this? How important is it that Jesus did this voluntarily?
6. In v.16 Jesus mentions “other sheep” that he must also bring. Who is he talking about? Why do you think he mention this? Was it good news to those he was teaching?
7. In what ways does Jesus’ “self-portrait” as the good shepherd impact our day-to-day living? What does following Jesus as your shepherd look like in your daily life?