

Dig Deeper @Home – “The Good Shepherd”

Complement to sermon on 11/10/2019 – “A Shepherd that Prepares”

ICE BREAKER – ask these to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. Share highs and lows of the past week.
2. What do you enjoy most about autumn?

MEMORIZE – John 10: 14-16

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

READ John 20: 19-23 & 21: 15-19

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What sticks out to you in this passage?
2. What did you like? What didn't you like?
3. What general observations can you make? Anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
4. What is this passage revealing about God?
5. What is it revealing about us as humans?
6. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?
7. According to Jesus, we are “sent” (John 20:21) This makes us “sent ones.” Using these passages, what does it mean to be a sent one? What does it look like to out the calling of being sent?

Experiential activity

Experiential: Sent ones are Blessed to Bless

If the LORD is your shepherd, then your cup is overflowing. What does that mean? That you have been blessed. But this blessing isn't just for you, it's for the world. Followers of Jesus are blessed to bless. So how can you bless this week? A simple acronym will direct you: BELLS.

B - Bless – This week, do something nice for 3 other people. One from Finland, one not from Finland and one of your choice.

E – Eat – This week, eat a meal with 3 other people. One from Finland, one not from Finland and one of your choice.

L – Learn – Learn about Jesus by reading a gospel, read a book about him or watch a movie about him.

L – Listen – Spend 15 minutes once this week in quiet listening to the Holy Spirit.

S – Send – Reflect on your week as you bless, eat, learn and listen. Where did you share Jesus? Where could you have?

SING (suggested songs to sing. Use these or any song you might want to sing)

O Praise the Name - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqBpifDpNKc>

Psalm 23 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mo3HgtT_OiE

Here I Am - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZTQF_9D3-Y

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

As you go this week, may you go with the comfort that the LORD is your shepherd. May you turn to him at all times, trusting in Him and him alone to guide you. May His voice be what you follow. Amen.