

Study Notes --

Do you have now or did you have a very special pet?
What kind of relationship do you/did you have with that pet?
What made it so special?

Thinking back to Sunday's message, what spoke to you, inspired you, encouraged you, challenged you, or confused you?

What (if anything) did you learn about shepherds and sheep that you didn't previously know?
Is there anything that you have learned before that wasn't brought out?

If not brought up in your discussion, consider these questions:
Why does God use sheep to describe His people?
Why does God use a shepherd to describe Himself?

Read **Psalm 23**.

What do we learn in this psalm's description of a good shepherd and his sheep?

Read **Isaiah 40:11**.

What does this verse tell us about God's care for His children?

Read **Luke 15:3-7**.

What is the main point of this passage?
How significant is one lost sheep to Jesus?
What level of urgency in finding the lost sheep is reflected in this passage?
What level of joy is shown by the shepherd when he finds the lost sheep?
How do you see this passage applied in our context?

Consider the four main points that Pastor Jimmy made on Sunday (you can use the front on these notes).
Which if the points is most significant to you right now?
Which of these truths do you need to share this week with someone you know?

GRACE NOTES

Sunday, April 15, 2018

Series: I AM

Message: I Am the Good Shepherd

Scripture: John 10:10-18

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep (vv. 11-13)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
(Psalm 23:1-3)

The Good Shepherd Knows His Sheep (v. 3, 14)

The Good Shepherd Sacrifices Himself for His Sheep (v. 15, 17-18)

"...who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross..."
(Hebrews 12:2)

The Good Shepherd Gives Life. (v. 10)

