

I AM: THE GOOD SHEPHERD



Word: John 10:11-21

11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. 13 The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. 14 “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. 17 The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to 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 authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.” 19 The Jews who heard these words were again divided. 20 Many of them said, “He is demon-possessed and raving mad. Why listen to him?” 21 But others said, “These are not the sayings of a man possessed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

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Discussion:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. How can you grow more in trusting Jesus over the next month?
3. How is the good shepherd using "the staff" in your life to protect you? Are you going through a dark valley? Are you wandering off?
4. How can we, as followers of Jesus, model the way of connectedness that Jesus desires? (Remember, a Christian life is not a solo event, how do we stay in the sheep pen?)
5. Jesus announced his authority over all things in declaring he is the Good Shepherd. How does God's authority over all impact your life?

Prayer Points:

1. Pray for ways that God can help you build trust in Him.
2. Pray that as a church we can stay connected by sharing with each other truthfully the things that are going on in our lives that we can learn to trust Him.