

Series - Stories That Changed the World
Title - The Good Shepherd
Text - John 10, Psalm 23

Bulletin Outline: Underlined words are left blank in the bulletin.

4 Problems of Being a Sheep:

1. Sheep go astray.
2. Sheep can't defend themselves.
3. Sheep are stubborn.
4. Sheep are unclean.

Bottom Line: Sheep need a shepherd and we need a Savior.

4 Qualities of The Good Shepherd:

1. The Good Shepherd guides.
2. The Good Shepherd restores.
3. The Good Shepherd disciplines.
4. The Good Shepherd comforts.

I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.
John 10:11 NASB

Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep,
but climbs up some other way, he is a thief and a robber.
John 10:1 NASB

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

4 Problems of Being a Sheep:

1. Sheep go astray.

All of us like sheep have gone astray,
Each of us has turned to his own way;
Isaiah 53:6 NASB

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1. The Good Shepherd guides.

He guides me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.
Psalm 23:3 NASB

To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.
John 10:3-4 NASB

2. The Good Shepherd restores.

The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside quiet waters.
He restores my soul;
He guides me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.
Psalm 23:1-3 NASB

3. The Good Shepherd disciplines.

Behold, how happy is the man whom God reproves,
So do not despise the discipline of the Almighty.
For He inflicts pain, and gives relief;
He wounds, and His hands also heal.
Job 5:17-18 NASB

All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.
Hebrews 12:11 NASB

4. The Good Shepherd comforts.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil, for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You have anointed my head with oil;
My cup overflows.

Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
Psalm 23:4-6 NASB