



"I Am the Good Shepherd"
John 10:11
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Fun Question: Share about an influential teacher you've had growing up. How has their influence impacted you?

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep - John 10:11

1. What has your experience been like in learning about well-known leaders being exposed for their deep moral failures and abuse of the people they were called to serve? How do you think this has impacted your faith, if at all?

2. Jesus' proclamation as the divine shepherd is His promise that He will never be like thieves or hired hands that will abandon their sheep eventually. He promises never to use his authority to take advantage of us, abuse or abandon us, ever. Jesus was claiming he is the true shepherd who will take care of His sheep.

How does knowing this about Jesus help us see and process the failures of those that are called to lead/serve us?

3. Jesus says in **John 10:9-10:**

[9] I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. [10] The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

Jesus doesn't only protect us from dangers, but also leads us to real nourishment that we need to live the full life that God intended for us.

How have you experienced Jesus as our promised shepherd? How has He ministered to the dangers that are "out there" as well as the dangers that lie within your own heart?

Deeper Study

Read, analyze, and study John 10:1-18. How does John 10:17-18 establish Jesus' self-proclamation as 'the good shepherd' (vs 11) and 'the gate' (vs 9).