

SHEEPISHNESS

Use the following notes in your Growth Group or for further personal study of today's message. We hope these will enrich and deepen your walk as you study God's Word.

ICE BREAKER:

1. As a child, what was your favorite pet? How did it respond when it heard your voice?
2. What got your attention, made you think or was a new idea in Sunday's sermon?

TALK ABOUT IT:

3. What was the turning point for you in terms of hearing God's voice and responding?
4. How do you discern His voice from all the voices that vie for your attention?
5. How does it make you feel to think of God caring for you as a Good Shepherd? How has He been a good shepherd to you?

WORK IT OUT:

6. What practical steps or changes can you make to remind yourself that you are a sheep with a loving compassionate shepherd in his pasture?
7. What can you do in your life to better recognize and respond to God's voice?

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The great news this morning is that we have an overseer, a loving caregiver who sees fit to actually call himself our Good Shepherd. The slightly offensive part of that analogy is that we then become sheep. We are cute as a button, and about as bright as one too. The good, however far outweighs the slight offense. This morning let's enjoy Jesus' conversation about our sheepishness. If you are a little down today, this conversation will make you feel like a big, huggable fluffy sheep!

1. **The Shepherd's relationship with us sheep** - (*John 10:1-6*). There is familiarity.
2. **The Shepherd's provision for us sheep** - (*John 10:7-10*). Nothing gets to us, at us or against us except through the door.
3. **The Shepherd's heart for us sheep** - (*John 10:11-18*). Four times the Bible says that Jesus lays down his life for his sheep.

- Application -

No matter who you are, or what you do,
you are a sheep with a loving Shepherd.

NEXT WEEK 9/14 • PERSECUTED CHURCH: ACTION REQUIRED
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