



LIFEGROUPS

Sermon title: Who Cares?

Scripture: Psalm 23:2-3

Date: Nov. 14 & 15, 2015

—[LET'S TALK]—

- When was the last time you were at the Zoo? What's your favorite animal to see?

—[LET'S WARM UP]—

- Which reason for straying impacts you the most?
- How does our straying impact our world?
- Do you find it difficult to return to God? Why or why not?
- How does our culture react to the idea of us humans *needing* a shepherd?

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- Read Acts 3:1-26 and talk about restoration:
 - a. How many different kinds of restoration do you see in this chapter?
 - b. Specifically, how was the beggar healed (restored)?
 - c. What are the results of repentance and God's end goal for creation?
 - d. Why is it a blessing for people to turn from their "wicked ways?"
- Read John 9:24-10:6 and talk about following the Good Shepherd:
 - a. How do the sheep recognize the shepherd and how do they respond?
 - b. What do sheep do in response to a stranger's voice?
 - c. Looking in John 9, who is the shepherd, who is the stranger, and who is the sheep?
 - d. Sheep run from strangers, but also stray from the shepherd. How do we know the difference?

—[LET'S ACT]—

- Take some time with God to assess the path you are on (either the narrow or broad). Think about your habits and behaviors. If you are questioning the presence or absence of one in your life, don't rush to a conclusion. Check it with scripture. Consult the Holy Spirit about it in prayer. Then ask a trusted friend or family member about it. Take note of how this process impacts the way you view the habits and behaviors of your life.



—[SERMON REVIEW]—

- Sermon Scriptures: [Ex 15:26] - [Ps 1:1-6; 23:1-6; 32:8; 51:10; 119:105, 176] - [Isa 40:11; 53:6] - [Mt 7:13-14] - [Gal 5:7-25; 6:1-2] - [Jam 5:19-20] - [1 Pt 2:25]
- As sheep, we will stray when we look for food, get left behind by other sheep, leave our protective boundary, follow other rogue sheep, and get scared.
- God restores us to the path of righteousness and blessing when we admit our straying, confess that it's the wrong way, and turn toward the right way.
- God leads us through His Word, Holy Spirit, and other followers.

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