

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Introduction: Two questions will determine the course of your life:

Question #1: How do you see God?

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”

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Question #2: How do you think God sees you?

Seeing the people [multitudes], He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited [downcast], like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 9:36

- **Compassion** – A deep awareness and understanding of the suffering of others that compels you to do something about it.
- **Question** – How does God communicate the depth of His compassion and concern to finite people who simply can't understand?
- **Answer** – The sheep and shepherd metaphor (John 10 + Psalm 23)

Every Sheep Needs a Shepherd (John 10)

Jesus is the _____ Shepherd. (v. 1-6)

- The Parable (v. 1-6)

- The Teaching (v. 7-10)
 - His Offer (v. 9)

 - His Purpose (v. 10)

The good Shepherd _____ His life for the sheep. (v. 11-21)

- He offers His life “in our place.” (v. 15)

- He offers His life to all people. (v. 16)

- He offers His life voluntarily. (v. 18)

The good Shepherd reveals His identity as Savior and _____. (v. 28-29)

- His promise (v. 28-29)

- His identity (v. 30)

- Two Vivid Responses (v. 39-42)

Jesus wants to be _____ good Shepherd. (Psalm 23)

1. To meet your deepest _____.

*The Lord is my Shepherd,
I shall not want.* (v.1)

2. To _____ your soul.

*He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside quiet waters.
He restores my soul;* (v. 2-3a)

3. To _____ and direct your life.

*He guides me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake.* (v. 23:3b)

4. To _____ you from evil.

*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.* (v. 4)

5. To fill your life with _____.

*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.* (v. 5-6a)

6. To give you _____ life.

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (v. 6b)