August 26, 2018 am Ezekiel 34·1-24

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Shepherdless Sheep

- > God has a burden for ______
 - Shepherdless sheep need help because _______
 - Shepherdless sheep need _______
 - Shepherdless sheep are vulnerable because of _______
- God will ______ His sheep.
 - He takes ______ to meet the needs of His flock.
 - He promises to provide a ______
 - Jesus is the ______ who lays down His life for the sheep.
- - We have a responsibility to _______
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Make It Real

Because of what Jesus has done for me and what I have heard today,

- □ I will turn from my sin and trust Jesus as the Good Shepherd who will forgive me, make me acceptable to the Father, and give me new life.
- I will work to reflect Jesus by seeking the lost and loving them in word and deed. Specifically, I will try to talk to within the next two weeks.

- Personal observations from the message.
 - 1. How would you summarize what you learned in a sentence or two?
 - 2. What was something you didn't know or were reminded of?
 - 3. What point or verse did you find most helpful? Why?
 - 4. What is a question you have?
 - 5. What can you share with someone? Who can you share it with?

Discussion questions from the message.

- 1. What experiences have you had with real sheep? How are we like them?
- 2. How does Isaiah 53:6 describe our condition as sheep? What about Matthew 9:36? How are these different? The same?
- 3. Describe what the imagery of Ezekiel 34:1-10 would look like today. How does this relate to the responsibility we have in Matthew 25:31-46?
- 4. How might we (you personally and us as a church) be guilty of what God rebuked the shepherds of Israel for (Ez. 34:1-10)?
- 5. What does Ezekiel 34:11-16 teach us about God? What should be your response to God for His pursuit of and care for us? How does this passage seem to relate to Psalm 23?
- 6. Read Ezekiel 34:15, 23-24 and 37:24-28. Now read John 10:11-18. What are these verses teaching us about God's promises, God's work, and God's love for us?
- 7. How does your life reflect the Good Shepherd? Who are you seeking?