

SERMON NOTES

December 23 & 24, 2022

Christmas Eve: The Good Shepherd John 10

1. God wants a _____.

2. Everybody needs a Shepherd, _____. **Isaiah 53:6 | Matthew 9:36**

3. Good News: Jesus wants to _____. **John 10:11 a**

4. I can learn to know _____. **John 10:3b – 5**

5. I can know _____. **John 10: 3b, 11,16 | Psalm 23**

Life Steps

Christmas Eve

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Monday

Luke 2:1-20

Reflect: Which person in the Christmas story do you most identify with and why?

Prayer: Thank you God for coming to earth not as an ego driven King sitting on a throne of power and wealth, but humble and vulnerable, a baby in born in a manger.

Tuesday

Isaiah 53:6 | Matthew 9:36

Reflect: Which human characteristics cause us to resemble sheep? From your general knowledge, what makes a good shepherd?

Prayer: God, forgive me for all of the ways I have strayed from you.

Wednesday

John 10:11a, 14

Reflect: What does Jesus mean when he describes himself as “the good shepherd?”

Prayer: God, make yourself known to me, speak and guide. You speak I will listen.

Thursday

John 10:1-6

Reflect: Who or what, besides Jesus, is your shepherd? Whose or what voice do you most listen to and follow?

Prayer: Good shepherd, help me recognize and hear when you are speaking.

Friday

John 10:7-18

Reflect: If the one you follow is Jesus, briefly describe how he came to be your shepherd. If the one you follow is not Jesus, what reservations prevent you from identifying him as the shepherd of your life?

Prayer: Jesus, I'd like for you to be the shepherd of my life. Please forgive my wrong doing. Deliver me from my guilt and shame. I want to have a personal relationship with you, for you to be my friend and guide.

Saturday

Psalms 23

Reflect: What do you sense God saying to you today through Psalm 23? What word, phrase or verse most resonates with your soul and why?

Prayer: Good shepherd, thank you for all of the ways you have been with me in 2022.

Sunday

Jeremiah 29:11 | Isaiah 40:31

Reflect: As you consider the end of 2022 and the beginning of 2023, which of these passages most speaks to you and why? Remember to join us at 9:30 AM online, watch.pathway.church, for a short message from Pastor Rick and a family communion experience in your own home.

Prayer: God of new beginnings, make yourself known to me. Set me free from the baggage of my yesterdays. Reveal my mission and purpose for 2023 then use me to help make your world a better place.