

John 10:11-18

The Good Shepherd

1) Due to Danger – v. 11-13

[Isa 26:21, Matt 13:49, Rom 2:3, Rom 5:9, John 3:36]

2) For Relationship – v. 14-16

a) Between Shepherd & Sheep

[John 8:28-29, 15:10, Heb 5:8, Phil 2:8]

b) Between Sheep

[1 John 4:7-11, John 13:34-35]

3) For Love – v. 17-18

a) Voluntary Obedience

[1 Sam 2:6, Deut 32:39, Phil 2:8]

b) Confident Love

[Luke 15:4-7]

Praxis

1. Consider that Jesus is called both the Great Shepherd (Heb 13:20) and the Good Shepherd (Jn 10:11) – for definition purposes, consider Ps 145:3-6 (great) and Ps 145:7-9 (good)... Why is our Gospel hope that Jesus is both the Great and Good Shepherd?
2. In human relationship terms, what is the connection with someone being “good” and someone demonstrating biblical “love”? How practically might you be “good” to another in the coming week?
3. If Jesus’ relationship to the Father is one of both love *and* obedience, how much more ought be our relationship to Jesus... What is an opportunity for obedience in front of you this week? How might Jesus’ laying down His life for you impact that?