

April 21, 2024
“The Shepherd Knows”
(John 10:11-18)

In this season, the scripture texts take us back to the _____ of Jesus.

Here Jesus speaks about himself as the _____, the guide and _____ of those who love him.

All over the Bible, the people of God are compared to _____.

The shepherd’s _____ mentioned in Psalm 23 is a _____ for battles against wolves and bears.

The rod used in Psalm 23 is the shepherd’s _____, used to rescue lost lambs.

Word List

crook	guard	sheep
shepard	staff	weapon
words		

Sparing the rod isn’t about punishment – it’s about _____ and _____, like the shepherd does with his crook!

In the verses before this, Jesus proclaimed that he was the _____!

Jesus called himself not just a shepherd, but the “_____” shepherd!

In all of the “I am” sayings of Jesus, he compared himself to the most _____ things – light, bread, water...shepherd.

It’s true that at that time, the term “shepherd” was a frequent metaphor for the _____ of a country.

The shepherd only gets anything done by being _____ the sheep – in the _____ of the flock!

God _____ on being in the _____ of us, mixed into our lives!

Word List

gate	good	guiding
helping	insists	middle
middle	ordinary	ruler
with		

Our preoccupations with work, screens, shopping, or easy anger lead us _____ from Jesus.

Jesus is confident we will be able to _____;_ him from all other _____!

As sheep we are ALL _____ to him!

Because of that, we can have _____!

As we _____ Jesus, we are invited to live lives of _____ like the exemplary shepherd!

The place where we communicate the grace of God is right in the _____ of other sheep!

No matter how far we've _____ away, the good shepherd is there to bring us back to the _____!

The shepherd _____ the sheep...and our God _____ us!!

We are sheep, but we are also _____ of the great shepherd!

The _____ for following comes from the shepherd himself, right in the midst of us, the flock!

Word List

away	confidence	distinguish
faith	follow	followers
Important	influences	knows
knows	middle	pasture
strength	wandered	

We, the sheep, may be stupid – but we are smart enough to know our shepherd, and to know where we belong!