

Following The Good Shepherd - John 10:11-15, 27.

The bad shepherd is not committed to the sheep and flees when the sheep are endangered, but the Good Shepherd lives (and dies) for the good of the sheep.

The Good Shepherd sacrifices for the sheep, knows His sheep, is known by the sheep and the sheep know His voice and follow Him.

Two shepherds lean on their sticks at the end of a long day and the first asks the second, "So, how's it going?" The second one sighed and shook his head, "Not good, I can't pay my bills, my health isn't good, my kids don't respect me, and my wife is leaving me." The first replied, "Well, don't lose any sheep over it."

Following the Chief and Good Shepherd is a call to Worship and Mission.

➤ **In Worship.**

Following the Shepherd means daily falling at His feet in Worship, attributing worth to Him, adoring Him for who He is and giving Him credit in all things.

Revelation 4:8-11 - *The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying:*

"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"

Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:

"You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

Ephesians 5:19 - *speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord...*

Colossians 3:16 - *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

Psalms 29:2 - *Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.*

Psalms 96:9 - *Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth.*

Romans 12:1-2 - *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service [worship].*

➤ **In Mission.**

Following the Shepherd is embracing His Mission to seek and save the lost...without and within.

Mark 1:17 - *Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."*

John 15:16 - *"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.*

Colossians 3:17 - *And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*

His mission is to be actively and intentionally involved in evangelism to those on those outside of the faith and encouragement for believers. We called to evangelize in this city and to love and serve one another in this church.

Hebrews 13:20-21 - *Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.*