

Shepherding According to God

Monday 1/26

Hos. 11:4

4 I drew them with cords of a man, With bands of love; And I was to them like those Who lift off the yoke on their jaws; And I gently caused them to eat.

John 21:15-17

15 Then when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You. He said to him, Feed My lambs.

16 He said to him again a second time, Simon, son of John, do you love Me? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You. He said to him, Shepherd My sheep.

17 He said to him the third time, Simon, son of John, do you love Me? Peter was grieved that He said to him the third time, Do you love Me? And he said to Him, Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You. Jesus said to him, Feed My sheep.

1 Thes. 2:7, 11

7 But we were gentle in your midst, as a nursing mother would cherish her own children.

11 Just as you know how we were to each one of you, as a father to his own children, exhorting you and consoling you and testifying,

Ezek. 34:15-16

15 I Myself will shepherd My flock, and I will cause them to lie down, declares the Lord Jehovah.

16 I will seek the lost one and bring back the one that was driven away and bind up the broken one and strengthen the sick one; but the fat one and the strong one I will destroy—I will feed them with judgment.

Acts 20:28

28 Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among whom the Holy Spirit has placed you as overseers to shepherd the church of God, which He obtained through His own blood.

Further Reading: *Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (3) – Week 34, Day 1*

Tuesday 1/27

1 Pet. 5:2-4

See Saturday

Isa. 40:11

11 He will feed His flock as a Shepherd; In His arm He will gather the lambs; In His bosom He will carry them. He will lead those who are nursing the young.

1 Pet. 2:2

2 As newborn babes, long for the guileless milk of the word in order that by it you may grow unto salvation,

Eph. 4:11-12, 16

11 And He Himself gave some as apostles and some as prophets and some as evangelists and some as shepherds and teachers,

12 For the perfecting of the saints unto the work of the ministry, unto the building up of the Body of Christ,

16 Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.

Further Reading: *Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (3) – Week 34, Day 2*

Wednesday 1/28

1 Cor. 12:23-25

23 And those members of the body which we consider to be less honorable, these we clothe with more abundant honor; and our uncomely members come to have more abundant comeliness,

24 But our comely members have no need. But God has blended the body together, giving more abundant honor to the member that lacked,

25 That there would be no division in the body, but that the members would have the same care for one another.

1 Thes 2:11

See Monday

2 Cor 1:3-4

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord

Jesus Christ, the Father of compassions and God of all comfort;

4 Who comforts us in all our affliction that we may be able to comfort those who are in every affliction through the comforting with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

Rom. 1:11-12

11 For I long to see you that I may impart to you some spiritual gift so that you may be established;

12 That is, that I with you may be encouraged among you through the faith which is in one another, both yours and mine.

Further Reading: *Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (3) – Week 34, Day 3*

Thursday 1/29

John 10:11, 16

11 I am the good Shepherd; the good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

16 And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must lead them also, and they shall hear My voice, and there shall be one flock, one Shepherd.

1 Pet. 2:25

25 For you were like sheep being led astray, but you have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Col 1:27-29

27 To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,

28 Whom we announce, admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom that we may present every man full-grown in Christ;

29 For which also I labor, struggling according to His operation which operates in me in power.

Acts 20:28

See Monday

Rev 7:16-17

16 They will not hunger any more, neither will they thirst any more, neither will the sun beat upon them, nor any heat;

17 For the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and guide them to

springs of waters of life; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Further Reading: *Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ* (3) – Week 34, Day 4

Friday 1/30

Heb 13:20-21

20 Now the God of peace, He who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, in the blood of an eternal covenant, **21** Perfect you in every good work for the doing of His will, doing in us that which is well pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ; to Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

1 Pet 5:4

See Saturday

Matt. 24:45-47

45 Who then is the faithful and prudent slave, whom the master has set over his household to give them food at the proper time?

46 Blessed is that slave whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.

47 Truly I say to you that he will set him over all his possessions.

Matt. 25:21

21 His master said to him, Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful over a few things; I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your master.

1 Thes. 5:14

14 And we exhort you, brothers, Admonish the disorderly, console the fainthearted, sustain the weak, be long-suffering toward all.

Gal. 6:1-2

1 Brothers, even if a man is overtaken in some offense, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of meekness, looking to yourself lest you also be tempted.

2 Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ completely.

Further Reading: *Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ* (3) – Week 34 Day 5

Saturday 1/31

1 Pet 5:1-4

1 Therefore the elders among you I exhort, who

am a fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, who am also a partaker of the glory to be revealed:

2 Shepherd the flock of God among you, overseeing not under compulsion but willingly, according to God; not by seeking gain through base means but eagerly;

3 Nor as lording it over your allotments but by becoming patterns of the flock.

4 And when the Chief Shepherd is manifested, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

2 Pet 1:3-7, 10-11

3 Seeing that His divine power has granted to us all things which relate to life and godliness, through the full knowledge of Him who has called us by His own glory and virtue,

4 Through which He has granted to us precious and exceedingly great promises that through these you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption which is in the world by lust.

5 And for this very reason also, adding all diligence, supply bountifully in your faith virtue; and in virtue, knowledge;

6 And in knowledge, self-control; and in self-control, endurance; and in endurance, godliness;

7 And in godliness, brotherly love; and in brotherly love, love.

10 Therefore, brothers, be the more diligent to make your calling and selection firm, for doing these things you shall by no means ever stumble.

11 For in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly and bountifully supplied to you.

Further Reading: *Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ* (3) – Week 34 Day 6

Lord's Day 2/1

John 10:9-17

9 I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved and shall go in and go out and shall find pasture.

10 The thief does not come except to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and may have it abundantly.

11 I am the good Shepherd; the good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

12 He who is a hireling and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

13 He flees because he is a hireling and it does not matter to him concerning the sheep.

14 I am the good Shepherd, and I know My own, and My own know Me,

15 Even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

16 And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must lead them also, and they shall hear My voice, and there shall be one flock, one Shepherd.

17 For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.

Hymn: #1221

Further Reading

CWWL, 1973–1974, vol. 2, “The Normal Way of Fruit-bearing and Shepherding for the Building Up of the Church,” ch. 8

Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Genesis

Level 1—Sequential Life-study Reading

Scripture Reading and Copying: *Gen. 37:12-36*

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis, msg(s). 89-90*

Level 2—Topical Study

Crucial Point: *Building an Altar and Pouring Out a Drink Offering and Oil at Bethel to El-Bethel*

Scripture: *Gen. 35:6-15*

Assigned Reading: *LS of Genesis, msg(s).79-89*

Supplemental Reading: *N/A*

Study Questions: *See the church website at churchinnyc.org/bible-study*