

The Good Shepherd February 18, 2018





Share: Share your Highs & Lows of the day.



Read the following daily readings focusing on

 Sunday:
 John 10:1-3

 Monday:
 John 10:4-6

 Tuesday:
 John 10:7-8

 Wednesday:
 John 10:9-10

 Thursday:
 John 10:11-13

 Friday:
 John 10:14-16

 Saturday:
 John 10:17-18



Talk: Study the reading and consider the background.

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. John 10:11

In today's lesson to his followers, Jesus likens himself to one who keeps sheep, a trusted and loving caretaker. But the image is lost on them and his listeners are confused. Just like sheep.

As Christians live into an increasingly diverse cultural and religious landscape, how can we engage in respectful conversations with people of different world views?

- ⇒ How would you describe the Good Shepherd to people who believe differently?
- ⇒ Wonder: How are you like a sheep? How are you different?

Notes from Sunday's Sermon and Worship:



Pray: Pray for your Highs & Lows, for yourself, for your family, and for the world. You can use this prayer or make your own.

O Lord Christ, the Good Shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Prayer Concerns to take home for this week:



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing. Mark the sign of the cross on each other's head or your own forehead and use words of blessing like:

Receive God's blessing when you are with people and when you are alone. Amen.

- * Jesus loves you and so do I.
- *May you share your gifts God has given you. Amen.

By acting on what we learn, we are blessed to be a blessing.

Consider the following activity this week.

Visit a funeral home. Talk with the director there. Learn what their job is like. How do they stay positive in the midst of so much loss? How do they care for themselves and others?



The Great I AM

February 25, 2018 The Light of the World John 8:12-20

> March 4, 2018 The True Vine John 15:1-17

> March 11, 2018 The I AM John 6:16-20

March 18, 2018 The Living Bread John 6:48-58

March 25, 2018 The Resurrection and the Life John 11:1, 17-44, 12:1, 9-15