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The Good Shepherd
John 10:11-21

Have you ever had a boss (coach, teacher) who cared more about you than s/he cared about the job you did? The kind of boss who puts his/her people ahead of the bottom line? What was that like?

Have you ever had a boss (coach, teacher) who treated everyone (subordinates, coworkers, clients) like they were just a means to an end? Like they were only there to make him/her look better?

Finding the Right Leader:

John 10:11-18 *"I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. 12 He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, 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 hired hand and is not concerned about 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 I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock with one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again. 18 No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father."*

I. A Leader who _____ . (V. 11-15)

Good Shepherd vs. Hired Hand

1. _____ (11-12)
2. _____ (11-12)
3. _____ (13-15)

II. A Leader who has _____ . (V. 16)

III. A Leader who has _____ . (17-18)

Question: Will you follow?

John 10:19-21 *A division occurred again among the Jews because of these words. 20 Many of them were saying, "He has a demon and is insane. Why do you listen to Him?" 21 Others were saying, "These are not the sayings of one demon-possessed. A demon cannot open the eyes of the blind, can he?"*

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!



Lenten Discipline this Week:

Seek daily to be led by Christ.

1. Read part of the Gospel of John each day this week.
2. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you where God wants you to go this day.
3. At night, reflect on when that day you felt led by the Shepherd and when you felt like you were wandering.

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