

WE ARE ALL LIKE _____

SERIES QUESTION: Why the Church?

TODAY'S ANSWER: We are all like _____!

SERIES THEME and TEXT: To restore our confidence in and commitment to being the people of God -- I Peter 2:9, 10

TODAY'S THEME: We need our Shepherd Jesus because we all _____ and _____ like sheep
• Psalms 23; 95:7; 100:3; John 10:11-18, 27-29

TODAY'S TEXT: I Peter 2:21-25 (quoting Isaiah 53:4-6, 9) and 5:2,3

▶ Jesus is the Shepherd and Overseer of our _____.

TODAY'S QUESTION: Why do we need a Shepherd for our souls?

I. WE ALL _____ LIKE SHEEP

A. SHEEP SUFFER

- > Sheep are _____ and easily victimized.
- > They are _____ to danger.
- > They have vicious _____.

- ▶ Sheep are high-maintenance animals.
- ▶ People are high-maintenance and _____ beings!
 - We are easily _____ and victimized
 - We even afflict and hurt ourselves

> Human suffering is suffering of the _____.

Question → What do we see when we look into a person's eyes?

Answer → We see the soul!

> We suffer _____.

Question → What keeps you awake at night?

> We suffer _____.

Question → What hurts you the most? A broken bone or broken heart? Your pain or your child's pain? Do you avoid deeper relationships today because of past pain?

- > This is much of Peter's message.
 - 1:6; 2:21; 4:19; 5:10

B. OUR SHEPHERD SUFFERS _____ HIS SHEEP

The Easter Question → Why did Jesus suffer?

The Answer → Suffering sheep need a _____ Saviour!

- ▶ The only answer for suffering souls is the wounded Saviour who heals _____ souls!
 - 2:24

1. HE KNOWS WHAT WE _____ -- Isaiah 53
2. HE LEADS US TO _____ US -- Psalm 23
3. HE SPEAKS TO _____ US -- John 10:4,16, 27

- ▶ The Shepherd _____ to His Sheep and calls them by name!
 - John 14:1-3, 27; Matthew 11:28

- ▶ _____! Your Shepherd is calling!
 - > Only by His wounds is there healing for your soul.

- ▶ _____ itself will not end the suffering of the soul!

Question → In your suffering will you returned to your Shepherd?

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II. WE ALL _____ LIKE SHEEP

A. SHEEP STRAY

- ▶ This is why we suffer!
 - > When sheep leave the shepherd they are as good as _____.

Question → Why is there all this trouble in our world? Why is the soul broken and wounded?

Answer → WE HAVE _____ STRAYED FROM OUR SHEPHERD!

- ▶ This is our _____!
 - > Our sin is to choose our way and reject God's way.
 - Isaiah 53:6a; Romans 3:22b, 23

Question → Why do we sin? Why do sheep wander?

> Sheep are _____.

- ▶ We were created to be followers! We need to be led!
 - > We think we are choosing our own pathway but in reality we are being _____ to the slaughter!

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- Our own fallen nature _____ us astray.
- Our culture _____ us to sin.
- Our hearts _____ false voices.

Question → *Why do sheep suffer? Why do we suffer?*

Answer → *Because we stray away from our Shepherd!*

B. OUR SHEPHERD IS OUR _____ SAVIOUR

Question → *What do lost sheep need? Do we need better counselors and more _____ in sheep behavior?*

Question → *Can lost sheep save lost sheep? Do we need better _____ and more political solutions?*

Question → *Can lost sheep lead lost sheep?*

- ▶ Our world's best never saved a lost soul.
- ▶ The Shepherd is the only one who can save lost sheep.
 - John 14:6; Acts 4:12

- ▶ Only by the Shepherd's wounds are our souls saved.
 - 2:24; 3:18

Question → *Today, are you feeling lost in life? Are you wandering? Do you need direction?*

- ▶ Good news! The Shepherd is seeking and _____ you!
 - Luke 19:10
 - 2:21

CONCLUSION: WE ALL NEED THE SHEPHERD!

Question → *Why did Peter write so much about suffering?*

- ▶ Peter wrote from his own painful experience.
 - 5:1

- ▶ While Christ was suffering, Peter was _____ and straying away.
 - > But the Shepherd does not forget the lost sheep!
 - Mark 16:7

Question → *Have you strayed? Have you failed? Have you wandered? Will you return to the Shepherd?*

Open by having each person describe themselves by answering this question: **What animal are you most like? Why?**
(e.g. lion, eagle, elephant, owl, beaver, etc.)

Read **I Peter 2:25** (quoted from Isaiah 53:6a)

> How do you feel about being compared to a sheep?

In the following scriptures God describes our relationship with Him in the terms of sheep with a shepherd.

- > Choose some of the following passages to read and discuss.
- > How does it describe us and how does it describe God?
- > What negative thing does it say about us?
- > What positive things does it say about our relationship with Jesus?

- Ezekiel 34:11-16

- John 10:1-10

- John 10:11-16, 26-30

- Luke 15:1-7 (also Matthew 18:12-14)

- Acts 20:28 – 30 (also I Peter 5:2-4)

- How does the Church resemble a flock of sheep?

- How does your LifeGroup resemble a flock of sheep?

Read **Psalm 23** together and out loud.

Close with prayer.