

## I AM, Week 4, 3/22/20

This quarter we are exploring the spiritual practice of Gratitude. It can be easy to thank God when things are going well, but it's even more vital to praise Him when things seem out of our control and are going array. It is needless to say that we are going through a time that seems difficult to navigate through. Take some time in silence to reflect on what you have to be thankful for and give praise to God. Thank Him for this very moment, this very breath he has given us and meditate on His generosity.

Nick's sermon was focused on Jesus being a good shepherd; however, the word "good" is a bit watered down when translated into our English diction. In His sermon, we reflect on just how beautiful Jesus is as our shepherd. Read John 10: 11

### Discussion Questions:

- Jesus refers to himself as the good shepherd. In other words, he is the messiah for us all.
  - Read Ezekiel 34:15, 22-24. As you compare the passages from John and Ezekiel, what similarities stand out to you?
  - What depth do you feel as you read through John 10:11-18?
  
- The Greek word for "good" used in this passage is kalos meaning to be inspired passionately and beautifully.
  - If you are familiar with this passage, does it any of it feel watered-down? If so, why?
  - When reading scripture feels less than "kalos," how can renew its depth to you?
  
- Jesus knew the cross was coming. Nick made a profound statement saying, "Jesus didn't die so that God could change His mind about us. Jesus died so that we could change our minds about God." Jesus said, "you've heard this from me- now go."
  - We've heard the gospel, so how you do you go out to your community to share the love and truth of Jesus?
  - When you share the gospel, do you share it with kalos love and passion?
  - While we must love each other through social distancing, what are some unique ways to share the beautiful news of a beautiful shepherd?
    - Examples: bringing neighbors food, checking in with friends and family and sending them encouragement.