



Small Group Study Questions

Week 5 - Sermon on February 5th, 2023

Zechariah 13:7 (NASB)

7 “Awake, sword, against My Shepherd,
And against the Man, My Associate,”
Declares the Lord of armies.
“Strike the Shepherd and the sheep will be scattered;
And I will turn My hand against the little ones.

Zechariah 11:1-14 (NASB)

11 Open your doors, Lebanon,
So that a fire may feed on your cedars.
2 Wail, juniper, because the cedar has fallen,
For the magnificent trees have been destroyed;
Wail, oaks of Bashan,
Because the impenetrable forest has come down.
3 There is a sound of the shepherds’ wail,
For their splendor is ruined;
There is a sound of the young lions’ roar,
For the pride of the Jordan is ruined.

4 This is what the Lord my God says: “Pasture the flock doomed to slaughter. 5 Those who buy them slaughter them and go unpunished, and each of those who sell them says, ‘Blessed be the Lord, for I have become rich!’ And their own shepherds have no compassion for them. 6 For I will no longer have compassion for the inhabitants of the land,” declares the Lord; “but behold, I will let the people fall, each into another’s power and into the power of his king; and they will crush the land, and I will not rescue them from their power.”

7 So I pastured the flock doomed to slaughter, therefore also the afflicted of the flock. And I took for myself two staffs: the one I called Favor, and the other I called Union; so I pastured the flock. 8 Then I did away with the three shepherds in one month, for my soul was impatient with them, and their soul also was tired of me. 9 Then I said, “I will not pasture you. What is to die, let it die, and what is to perish, let it perish; and let those who are left eat one another’s flesh.” 10 And I took my staff Favor and cut it in pieces, to break my covenant which I had made with all the peoples. 11 So it was broken on that day, and so the afflicted of the flock who were watching me realized that it was the word of the Lord. 12 And I said to them, “If it is good in your sight, give me my wages; but if not, never mind!” So they weighed out thirty shekels of silver as my wages. 13 Then the Lord said to me, “Throw it to the potter, that magnificent price at which I was valued by them.” So I took the thirty shekels of silver and threw them to the potter in the house of the Lord. 14 Then I cut in pieces my second staff Union, to break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

Zechariah 12:10 (NASB)

10 “And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and of pleading, so that they will look at Me whom they pierced; and they will mourn for Him, like one mourning for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.

John 10:10-11 (NASB)

10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came so that they would have life, and have it abundantly.

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

DIGGING DEEPER

Who are some leaders that you follow?

How should those leaders make you feel when you follow them?

Read Zechariah 13:7

This is the theme verse of this week. How does this verse apply to Jesus' life? (See Matthew 26:31-35)

Why does the proverbial sheep scatter when the shepherd is struck down? What do the sheep think about their shepherd?

Read Zechariah 11:4-11

Why does God want Zechariah to take up shepherding?

How did God have favor on his people up to this point in their history?

Read Zechariah 11:12-14

According to Exodus 21:32, 30 pieces (shekels) of silver was the price given to a slave owner if that slave was gored by an ox. It wasn't a fortune. What does this tell us about how the people valued the work of shepherding that Zechariah did?

DIGGING DEEPER

How does this account relate to Christ's betrayal? (Hint: Matthew 26:14-15 & 27:3-10)

If the human shepherds failed God's people, why do we continue to look to humans?

Read John 10:10-15

What does Jesus do that makes him the good shepherd?

Jesus is our Shepherd. What difference does that or should it make in your life?

TAKING IT HOME

PRAYER REQUEST

