

Tuesday, March 21st

Ezekiel 34:1-6

•Then this message came to me from the Lord: 2 “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds, the leaders of Israel. Give them this message from the Sovereign Lord: What sorrow awaits you shepherds who feed yourselves instead of your flocks. Shouldn’t shepherds feed their sheep? 3 You drink the milk, wear the wool, and butcher the best animals, but you let your flocks starve. 4 You have not taken care of the weak. You have not tended the sick or bound up the injured. You have not gone looking for those who have wandered away and are lost. Instead, you have ruled them with harshness and cruelty. 5 So my sheep have been scattered without a shepherd, and they are easy prey for any wild animal. 6 They have wandered through all the mountains and all the hills, across the face of the earth, yet no one has gone to search for them.



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Are we ministering to our friends, our neighbors, our relatives, and our co-workers? God's criticism of the shepherds is that they have not given the people the Word of God. The shepherds did not feed their people; they did not care for their people but took from them for their own gain. So, the flock left and became vulnerable to attacks from the enemy. They became lost in the world. We are called to lead our friends, families, and even the common stranger in the ways of God. How can this apply to our world today, our country, and how can we be active in delivering God's people back to him?

