Looking for a Group to connect and dive deeper in your relationship with God and others? Contact Community Pastor, Beth Yokley, at <u>byokley@myhope.church</u>.



Community Group Questions:

The Jesus Collective: Part Two

Read John 21:15-17

The Shepherd is common throughout the Bible as Moses and David, Joseph and many others were Shepherds. They were called to leadership, to be compassionate to the sheep and lead them to ensure they stay out of harm's way. Shepherds are responsible for a flock or many sheep so they must be taking care of themselves and many others. Being a shepherd requires one to make sacrifices in their own life, setting aside their personal desires.

- 1. How have our national or cultural leaders failed to shepherd us well?
- 2. How is Jesus a better shepherd than those leaders?
- 3. What does laying down your life look like in your current station?
- 4. What does laying down your life cost you?
- 5. What does it look like for you to be like Jesus the good shepherd to those around us?

Read Ezekiel 34

In Ezekiel 34 there is a list of 5 types of sheep getting left behind in their community: weak, sick, injured, strayed and lost sheep.

- 1. How are those sheep tended to in our community...(in Springfield, in the American Evangelical Church, at Hope Church)?
- 2. How can you more closely notice the sheep from Ezekiel 34 and provide help to them?

God promises to be present and provide peace in places where we feel out of place.

- 1. Where do you feel out of place in your life and how is God providing His peace that surpasses all understanding?
- 2. Will you pray together for God to make us a blessing in our community?