

SESSION 6

Gathered as Jesus' Sheep

TRUTH: *What is God saying?*

Read John 10:1-15. What do you think it means that Jesus is “the good shepherd?” What does that metaphor say about Jesus? What does it say about you?

Read 1 Peter 5:1-5. What do you think Peter means when he tells the elders to “shepherd the flock of God?” What does that tell us about elders, and what does it tell us about people in the church?

EQUIPPING: *How do we live this out?*

Based on 1 Peter 5:1-5, how would you describe how a good pastor should lead?

Based on Hebrews 13:17, how would you describe how a good church member should follow?

ACCOUNTABILITY: *How am I personally doing in this area?*

Many of us tend to prefer to call our own shots. Do you personally feel your need of leadership?



Do you find it difficult to submit to authority? How have you usually related to people in positions of leadership over you? Have you ever prayed for your leaders?

Every single one of us is susceptible to becoming divisive in our churches. If the enemy was successful in sowing seeds of division in your heart, what would that look like for you?

MISSION: *Going out with the Gospel*

How can a divisive person derail the mission of the church and impact the witness of the Gospel in a community?

SUPPLICATION: *Praying for what only God can do*

Ask God to help you have a heart that is surrendered first of all to Jesus as your chief shepherd, and secondly that encourages and respects the pastors in your life who are seeking to lead like Jesus.