

**THE CHURCH – PART III**  
**“The Flock of Sheep”**  
**John 10:1-13**

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One of the metaphors in Scripture used to describe the church is a spiritual flock. There are numerous references in the Old Testament that identify Israel as a flock of sheep and God as the shepherd. Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd who tends his flock. This metaphor is descriptive of the intense care Jesus gives his flock, while contrasting the true shepherd with the false shepherds who don't care for the sheep and abandon them when danger appears. Today's teaching will reveal how much the Good Shepherd cares for us.

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**#1. THE METAPHOR OF THE SHEPHERD AND THE SHEEP, vv. 1-3**

- A. The sheep pen is God's people – Hillcrest is a sheep pen
- B. The Gate is Jesus
- C. The thief and robber is Satan – the religious establishment
- D. The Good Shepherd is Jesus
- E. The sheep are believers
- F. The watchman opens the gate – the hired hand

**#2. JESUS – THE SHEPHERD HAS A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS SHEEP, vv. 3-5**

- A. Jesus calls us by our name
- B. Jesus' sheep listen to him
- C. Jesus goes ahead of the sheep & they follow him
- D. Jesus' sheep never follow a stranger
- E. Jesus' sheep run from the stranger – they don't recognize his voice

**#3. JESUS – THE GATE WE PASS THROUGH FOR ETERNAL LIFE, vv. 7-10**

- A. The thieves & robbers are the religious establishment, v. 8
- B. The sheep didn't listen to them, v. 8
- C. The sheep enter the gate (Jesus) and are saved, v. 9
- D. The sheep find pasture through Jesus, v. 9, Ps 23:2
- E. The thief steals, kills and destroys, v.10
- F. The Shepherd gives life to the full, v. 10

**#4. JESUS – THE GOOD SHEPHERD WHO DIES FOR THE SHEEP, vv. 11-13**

- A. Jesus lays down his life for the sheep, v. 11, 17-18
  - B. Jesus owns the sheep, v. 12
  - C. Jesus protects the sheep unlike the hired hand, vv. 12-13
  - D. Jesus has other sheep (the Gentiles) he brings into the fold, v. 16
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**NOTES:**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. Discuss the nuances of the metaphor in point 1 of the outline.
- #2. How do the characteristics of sheep relate to believers?
- #3. What is significant about the sheep following Jesus as he goes ahead of them?
- #4. What does it mean to recognize the voice of Jesus (vv. 3-5)?
- #5. What is significant about Jesus knowing us by name (v. 3)?
- #6. In what sense was the religious establishment doing the work of Satan – the thief? (v. 10a)
- #7. Discuss the contrast between Jesus giving abundant life (v. 10b) with the above?
- #8. Discuss the difference between the shepherd and the hired hand (vv. 11-13).
- #9. What is significant about the shepherd laying in the doorway at night?
- #10. Who are the sheep of the other fold that Jesus brings into the sheep pen? (vv. 16)
- #11. What insights do you glean from Jesus speaking of his death on the cross? (vv. 17-18)
- #12. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

# **Welcome** *To* **Hillcrest Church**

***GIVING GOD OUR BEST – 2021!***

***I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd  
lays down his life for the sheep.***

John 10:11

***November 28, 2021***  
***Pastor Bruce Guckelberg, PhD***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today marks the beginning of the five-week countdown to Christmas Eve. Each Sunday during Advent we light a candle of special significance. Today we light the candle of joy.

### JOIN US ONLINE FOR

Tuesday Bible study at 6:30, Wednesday Prayer at 6:30. Click the “online meeting room” on the website: [hillcrestroseville.com](http://hillcrestroseville.com)

### CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> AFTER THE SERVICE

Bring a dish to share

### DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> - OPEN HOUSE AT PASTOR BRUCE’S PLACE

Everyone is invited to stop in at Pastor Bruce’s house and have some snacks and refreshments between 1:00 – 4:00.  
1961 Ambridge Dr. Roseville, 95747

### THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE IS AT 7PM (NO ZOOM)

### YOGA FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Every Saturday at 10:00, arrive early so we can start on time.

### HELP WITH MEDIA

If you would like to help with the sound system and/or media please let Aaron, Johanna, or DJ know so you can be trained.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online ([hillcrestroseville.com](http://hillcrestroseville.com)).

### WORSHIP PRACTICE IS AT 7PM EVERY FRIDAY

Unless notified otherwise

### SAMARITAN’S PURSE – THE SHOE BOX MINISTRY

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/drop-off-locations/> To find dropoff locations click the link.

### OPERATION ANGEL TREE – CIRBY SCHOOL

There is an opportunity to bless some of the children of Cirby School. Operation Angel Tree is a ministry to prison families, where we can give presents to children that have an incarcerated parent. This is an opportunity to have a presence in the lives of children and their family, that would not have much of a Christmas. If interested go to the “Tree Table” and grab a card with the children’s information and you can get them Christmas presents. This will be a huge blessing to the children and their family.

After you wrap the gift(s) you can bring them to church on December 12. Make sure you have the child’s name on the package and write them a note that is placed inside the box. There are only a couple of cards left so hurry and grab one. This is a great opportunity for you to make a difference in the lives of those who are facing unfortunate circumstances.