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Topic: Gospel Service - The Good Shepherd

Text: John 10:14-16

1. Unlike other animals, the sheep and shepherd are always associated together. This is because sheep are helpless creatures. They are not able to find food for themselves and cannot defend themselves. Therefore, they need a good shepherd who can guard and protect them. The Bible likens us as sheep and Jesus as our good Shepherd.
2. All of us need to acknowledge that we are sheep that know our good Shepherd. The reason why we are liken to sheep is because we are sinful people. There is nothing we can do to get rid of our sins on our own. We are helpless like the sheep, and we deserve eternal condemnation in the lake of fire. The first step to getting out of this state is to acknowledge that we are sheep. Once we acknowledge our sinful state, then we will be fully dependent on the good Shepherd Jesus Christ and follow Him.
3. Jesus is the good Shepherd because He laid down His life for us. He is fully God, but He took on the flesh of man and came into this world. It was out of love that He went to the cross and shed His blood for the remission of our sins. But death had no power over Him. 3 days later, He rose from the dead and then went back to Heaven. Jesus did this so that we can have eternal life.
4. Jesus desires for more to come and be His sheep. This call has not ended yet, although it will end one day. Jesus wants more to come and put their trust in Him. For those who have done so, they have eternal peace and they fear nothing. Jesus will always take care of them and they can look forward to everlasting rest in the arms of Jesus.

*Do you know this good Shepherd and have you confessed Him in your heart?*