

MESSAGE NOTES

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“JESUS IS OUR PERFECT PASTOR!”

How would you describe your "perfect" pastor?

The Perfect Pastor:

The results of a computerized survey indicate the perfect minister preaches exactly fifteen minutes. He condemns sins but never upsets anyone. He works from 8:00 AM until midnight and is also a janitor. He makes \$50 a week, wears good clothes, buys good books, drives a good car, and gives about \$50 weekly to the poor. He is 28 years old and has preached 30 years. He has a burning desire to work with teenagers and spends all of his time with senior citizens. The perfect minister smiles all the time with a straight face because he has a sense of humor that keeps him seriously dedicated to his work. He makes 15 calls daily on congregation families, shut-ins and the hospitalized, and is always in his office when needed.

READ John 10:11-18

Jesus is the Perfect Pastor (Shepherd) because...

1. _____

- *Exodus 3:13 "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites, "I AM has sent me to you."*

Why is it significant that Jesus says "I AM the Good Shepherd"?

2. _____

Whether pastor or member, how do we put our own needs above others?

What did the Good Shepherd do that shows he puts our needs above his own?

3. _____

Why do you desire a relationship with your pastor?

How do we know Jesus knows us as his sheep?

What comfort do I have knowing Jesus knows me?

4. _____

What does Jesus do to feed his sheep?

How does Jesus reach out to those of "other pens"?

As Tree of Life makes decisions about their next pastor, what certainty can I have?