

## “BEING A RESTORED HUMAN”

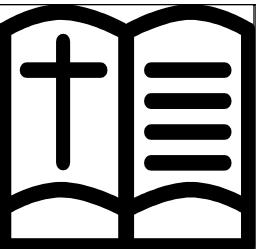


### “THE LEADERSHIP OF JESUS”

#### “THE GOOD SHEPHERD”

##### I. THE RESPONSIBILITY OF LEADERS IN ISRAEL

- A. *The history and legacy of Israel is shepherding so shepherds with a flock became an illustration of leadership*
- B. *Everyone is a sheep and a shepherd*
- C. God’s “beef” with the shepherds Eze 34:1-10, 17-21
  1. *They fed themselves instead of the flock*
  2. *They took advantage of the flock for their own benefit; they were using their brothers with no return of care and benefit*
  3. *They ignored those who were weak and sick*
  4. *They neglected to put the broken back together*
  5. *They disenfranchised their brothers allowing them to be driven away; they ignored them*
  6. *They did not look for the lost ones*
  7. *Their brothers and sisters were wandering and lost without anyone to care for them Matt 9:36*
  8. *They turned their back on their brothers and sisters to be prey for the wild beasts*
  9. *It was not simply the deeds that were done; it was what they became as they ignored these significant human needs. What are we supposed to become?*
  10. *These shepherds now had God as their enemy; He would find His own solution*



## II. GOD SOLVES HIS OWN PROBLEM

EZE 34:11-16, 23-24; JOH 10:1-29; LUK 19:10; PSA 23

- A. God promises that He Himself will be the shepherd looking for His sheep
  - 1. *He will look for them, find them and bring them out of every place they had been driven*
  - 2. *Here He is promising that He will restore Israel to the land He had promised them by bringing them out of the lands to which they had been scattered*
  - 3. *He will feed them well to their healing and they will lie down in peace and security with Him*
  - 4. *He will find the lost ones and bring back the ones driven away, bind up the broken, strengthen the sick*
  - 5. *But there is a retribution to those who had been responsible for this horrible condition of His lost sheep: He will destroy those who got fat off of their brothers; they will get to eat His judgment*
- B. *He declares that He will save His sheep and names by whom He will save them: His servant David*
- C. *Jesus is this offspring of David who is the Good Shepherd Joh 10:1-29; Luk 19:10*
- D. *He knew His purpose; He knew His power; He knew His people; He stayed focused; His heart was filled with compassion; He built a team and He was "all in"; He is and bears God's image*