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Home Devotional- April 19th- 25th

Introduction

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Readings and Psalm

Acts 4:5-12

Salvation in the name of Jesus

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

1 John 3:16-24

Love in truth and action

John 10:11-18

Christ the shepherd

Questions for Reflection

1. Compare and contrast the Good Shepherd, the hired hand and the wolf, and ponder the differences. (John 10:11-18)
2. If you were introducing Psalm 23 to someone who had never heard it, what would you say?
3. In a world of instant communication about global poverty, what does love look like in practice? (1 John 3:17)

Pray the Lord's Prayer Together

Bless one another saying:

May God bless you this week and always. AMEN

Resources:

Opening prayer: Sundaysandseasons.com - Questions- Workingpreacher.org