

Study notes Based on Sunday 4 March 2018

John Farren - Pastors

John 10:7-21

1. What would be your expectations of a Pastor in a local church?
2. A newly appointed minister told his congregation to pastor one another, he had other priorities. How do you react to this? Is this any different from John F suggesting that we are all the pastoral team?
3. How would you see us pastoring one another?
4. Consider the shepherd analogy as developed in John 10. What characteristics do you see which can be applied to a local church pastor?
5. In the 70s and 80s shepherding became a tainted term because of the degree to which pastors claimed to have authority and influence over church members lives. Where should the line be drawn?
6. Look at Psalm 23 the shepherd Psalm – what can we learn from here about the pastor's role?
7. Jesus left 99 sheep in the fold to seek out the one sheep that was lost. Bill Hybels, an experienced church leader, argues that we should spend more time on those coming towards us than on those going away. Reflect on these examples and discuss the implications.
8. How can we best approach the 'black sheep' or the prodigals? Check out the story in John 15. Who made the first move, the lost son, or the father? What does this say to us?
9. See Hebrews 13:20-21. What do we learn from these verses?

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