Sunday Reading

A Reading from the Gospel of John 10:11-18: The Good Shepherd

Jesus said: “I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father.”

Focus Questions

1. Who does Jesus say that He is at the beginning of this Gospel? What does this person do?
2. What is the difference between a good shepherd and a hired man?
3. What do you think Jesus means when He says that He has “other sheep that do not belong to this fold” whom He must lead to the one flock?
4. What does Jesus predict at the end of this Gospel?
Good Shepherd Reflection

Directions: In this week’s Gospel, Jesus called Himself the Good Shepherd. We are the sheep in His flock, whom He calls and for whom He laid down His life. Answer the questions below to reflect on meaning of Jesus' title, Good Shepherd, in your own life.

1. Who is someone that you look up to and follow in your life? What qualities do they have that make you look up to them and want to follow them?

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2. What does it mean to you to follow Jesus? What are some qualities of Jesus that make Him someone to look up to and follow?

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3. When a shepherd calls his sheep, they hear his voice and come to him. In what ways have you heard Jesus, the Good Shepherd, calling you? How have you answered His call?

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4. What are some things that make it hard to hear Jesus calling you? How can you better listen for Jesus' voice in your life?

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5. What are two practical things you can do this week to answer Jesus' call?

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