

# Shepherding

## Challenges & Motivations





# A Shepherd's Heart

- He should desire to serve
  - *1 Timothy 3:1*
  - *Not just the office but the work*
- He should serve voluntarily and eagerly
  - *1 Peter 5:2*
  - *Don't settle for "I guess I will"*



# A Shepherd's Task

- Shepherding is hard work
  - *1 Timothy 3:1*
  - *1 Timothy 5:17-18*
- Shepherding is high pressure
  - *Hebrews 13:17*
- Difficult things include...





*Why would a man desire  
this hard work?*

*Because a good shepherd is  
like The Good Shepherd*



# The Good Shepherd

- **Leads sheep to follow Christ**
  - *Bad shepherds hurt sheep (John 10:1-3)*
    - *They gather followers for themselves (Acts 20:30)*
    - *They lead pridefully (3 John 9-10)*
  - *Good shepherds help sheep (John 21:15-17)*
    - *Love for Christ*
    - *Love for Christ's people*





# The Good Shepherd

- **Knows the flock & they know him**
  - *John 10:4-5, 14*
  - “*Know*” is a relationship of trust
  - *Two aspects –*
    - *Flock shepherding*  
(*Acts 20:28, 15:2,4,6,22,23*)
    - *Sheep shepherding*  
(*Acts 20:35, Ezekiel 34:4, 15-16*)



# The Good Shepherd

- **Goal: deliver souls safely to Jesus**
  - *John 10:9-13*
  - *Jesus saves souls, shepherds lead souls (Hebrews 13:17)*
  - *This requires personal sacrifice*
    - *Suffering unfair criticism (1 Timothy 5:19)*
    - *Facing dangers (Titus 1:19)*





# Applications

- Men preparing – don't shy away from the challenges. Rise to meet them!
- All Christians – learn to serve. Even when it's difficult!

