

Life Group Agenda - “The Shepherd”

Love

What can we celebrate this week that deserves an “amen”?

What struggles did you have that deserves a prayer?

What is something you need this week?

Event Announcement:

November 15th we will meet the Schroeder Family as they baptize their two children, Declan and Nora. You will get to hear a little about them before we do so. Come celebrate welcoming this family into the congregation.

Grow

Text: John 10:1-18

This text makes three clear and strong claims; (a) Jesus knows his sheep, (b) Jesus calls his sheep, (c) Jesus leads his sheep. Have each person read the text with this in mind, then discuss the following.

1. Jesus knows you. Is this good news or bad news for you? How does it impact your life?
2. Jesus calls you. What does it mean to you to be called by Jesus? Is he calling you from danger into safety? Explain.
3. Jesus leads you. What do you sense Jesus is leading you toward or away from?
4. You are part of a flock, ordained by God. How can we help one another follow the Good Shepherd?

Worship

Read this Article of the Westminster Confession

“It pleased God, in his eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man; the Prophet,^b Priest, and King; the Head and Saviour of his Church;^e the Heir of all things; and Judge of the

world:^g unto whom he did from all eternity give a people to be his seed, and to be by him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.ⁱ

II. The Son of God, the second person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance, and equal with the Father, did, when the fulness of time was come, take upon him man's nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance.^m So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.^o"

(Westminster Assembly. (1851). The Westminster Confession of Faith: Edinburgh Edition (pp. 50–52). Philadelphia: William S. Young.)

What phrases can you thank God for from this creed? Say them out loud and add a reason why if you would like.

Go

When we start the new year, we will be asking each Life Group to consider a way to act with new missional behaviors.

In short, this means we will be adding more time spent with those outside the Gospel in hopes that they see the Gospel.

Start to brainstorm ways that your Life Group has natural, built in behaviors which you can redeem for this purpose. Is there a group of neighbors doing a book club? A group of professionals who eat a meal together? A community of kids activities? How can your Life Group use what you are already doing to express the Gospel to others? Or what activity can your Life Group add that would achieve this goal?