**July 7 Discussion Questions - Shepherd**

Ezekiel 34

***Review***

**Bad Shepherds Take**

1. Neglecting the hungry (v. 2)
2. Abusing the weak (v. 3-4a,9)
3. Abandoning the lost (v. 4b)
4. Sacrificing others (v. 5-6)

**The Good Shepherd Gives**

1. Seeking the lost (v. 12b)
	* Jesus came to call us home (John 10:3-4)
2. Serving the hungry (v. 13-14,23,26-27)
	* Jesus died to satisfy our souls (John 6:35; 54-55)
3. Separating the righteous (v. 17-20,22,30-31)
	* Jesus justifies all who belong to Him (Matt. 25:32,41,46)
4. Sacrificing Himself (v. 23-25)
	* Jesus gave up His Life to give us His Life (John 10:10-11)

***Connect***

1. How much time have you spent on a farm? When were you there? Why?
2. What is your favorite farm animal? Why?

***Read Ezekiel 34:1-16,22-24,30-31***

***Discuss***

1. What prompted this word from the Lord? What was the problem God was confronting?
2. What was God’s solution to the problem (v. 11-31)? How was this fulfilled in Jesus?
3. Read John 10:7-16. How is Jesus our true Good Shepherd?

***Apply***

1. How are we in the American church like the leaders of Israel in Ezekiel’s day? Which of these indictments seem to hit close to home for us?
2. Compared with Jesus - the Perfect Shepherd - how are you doing in caring for the people in your life? How could you do better this week?
3. Who is one person the Lord has placed on your heat recently to love and serve and care for?

***Pray***

1. How can we pray for you?