

Topic: “All We like Sheep...”

Text: Psalm 79:13

1. The nature of sheep

- a) The pattern of sheep is to wander off (Isaiah 53:6)
- b) Easily distracted and easily led astray (Luke 15:3-4)
- c) Good things about sheep...
 - They can learn to follow the True Shepherd
 - They learn to recognize His voice (John 10:27)
 - Once they learn His voice they will not follow a stranger (John 10:4-5)

2. The nature of the enemies of the sheep

- John 10:10;
- Acts 20:28-30

3. The nature of the shepherd

- a) He knows their names (John 10:3-4)
- b) Massive searches for the lost ones (Luke 15:3-4)
- c) Lays down his life for the sheep (Luke 10:14-15)
- d) He loves the “other” sheep (John 10:15-16; Matthew 9:35-36)
- e) Jesus the good Shepherd has come to give us abundant life (John 10:10)

4. Life Application

- a) The point of the Christian life is “relationship”. It means loving our Saviour, following Him, listening to His voice and staying near Him, trusting Him
- b) The Shepherd’s job is to lead us. Our job as sheep is to follow.
- c) Being a Christ-follower is not just a crisis event. It is an ongoing relationship with God that results in a new way of living!
- d) Psalm 23:1-6