

The Good Shepherd

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Look

1. If you could be any animal, what animal would you be and why?
2. What would be the downsides of being that animal?

Book John 10:11-18

In this passage, Jesus compares himself to a good shepherd who knows his sheep, implying that we are the sheep.

1. Why do you think Jesus chose this metaphor of sheep and shepherd? What value does it have?
2. How do you feel about being called a sheep? Are there ways that you identify with being a sheep? Are there things about sheep that make you reject the metaphor?
3. How does it make a difference in your life that Jesus knows you – not just your name but everything about you?

Took

In her sermon, Lisa claims that an important part of this metaphor has to do with belonging – we belong to the shepherd, he belongs to us, and we all belong together in community. She said, “The peace of belonging together comes in Jesus, no matter what creature you are.”

1. Why does it matter that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, keeps us together in community?
2. How does Jesus’ knowledge and love for us help us work together as a community?
3. How does Jesus, as the shepherd, guide us as a community at St. Tim’s?