



SERIES BIG IDEA :

**Jesus used culturally relevant stories to teach timeless kingdom truths to bring people to God.**

*Tend the flock of God that is in your charge, not by constraint but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, not as domineering over those in your charge but being examples to the flock.*

1 Peter 5:2-3 RSV

**Caring for others is a calling of provision, protection, and guidance.**

**We follow the example of the Good Shepherd as we care for others.**

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.*

Psalms 23:1-3a RSV

**Caring for others, at times, involves protecting others against themselves and outside influences.**

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.*

Psalms 23:4 RSV

**Being a caring guide for others as they walk through life's hardships requires trust.**

*He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

Psalms 23:3B RSV

**If we aren't constantly working to build trust you are working at losing it.**

**Being an under shepherd in the Kingdom requires trusting the Good Shepherd with what only He can do.**

*Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that in due time he may exalt you. Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares for you.*

1 Peter 5:6-7

TEACHING BIG IDEA

**I will fulfill my role as under shepherd in the Kingdom and trust Jesus to do all I am not called to do.**

**When we let go and trust God to be the ultimate guide and goal of our caring relationships, He can and will bring people to Him.**

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies; thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

Psalms 23:5-6



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**TEACHING SUMMARY:**

It has been said that without the tangible presence of care there cannot be the tangible presence of community and that a simple act of caring for others is simply heroic.

Scripture tells us to love one another.

We are to show immense care for each other and if we call upon Christ as Lord we have been given the ultimate example of how to care for others.

We have been shown through how we are loved and how Christ has shown up in our lives how we are supposed to do that as well. The call of a caring shepherd is a call of provision, protection, and guidance.

This is how we are supposed to engage in all relationships with the ultimate goal of introducing others to the Good Shepherd, our Father God.

**TALK-IT-OVER:**

1. When have you felt the caring presence of Christ in your life?
2. Who in your life do you see needing to experience the same caring presence?
3. How can you step in and be the hands and feet of Jesus by caring for that person the way you have been cared for?
4. What is a next step you need to take today?
5. Who do you need to tell about it?

**DAILY SCRIPTURE READING:**

- Day 1) John 13:33-35
- Day 2) John 15:5-17
- Day 3) 1 Thessalonians 5:9-18
- Day 4) Ephesians 4:1-13
- Day 5) Galatians 5:18-25
- Day 6) Ephesians 4:14-32