

# Sunday Sermon Questions • 2/22/2026

## *Lent: The Good Shepherd*

### **Eternity vs. Intimacy**

The sermon asks: "How can someone long to spend eternity with Jesus and not long to spend time with Him here on earth?" What do you think keeps people (including believers) from longing for daily time with Jesus? How would you honestly evaluate your current desire to spend time with Him? What might this reveal about your understanding of who Jesus truly is?

### **The Good Shepherd vs. The Thief**

In Gospel of John 10:10, Jesus contrasts Himself with the thief who comes to steal, kill, and destroy. Where have you seen evidence of the "thief's" work in your own life (distraction, anxiety, comparison, fear, etc.)? What does "life to the full" look like practically? What might need to shift in your focus so you experience more of the Shepherd's abundance?

### **Known and Loved**

Jesus says He knows His sheep and His sheep know Him. What is the difference between knowing about Jesus and being known by Him in relationship? How does it change your faith to realize that the Good Shepherd personally knows and loves you?  
What practices help you grow in relational intimacy with Him?

### **The Illusion of Control**

The sermon emphasized how hard it is for us to relinquish control. In what areas of your life do you most struggle to surrender control (health, family, finances, reputation, ministry, etc.)? How does your need to "feel in control" affect your trust in the Good Shepherd? What would it look like this week to intentionally surrender one of those areas to Him?

### **Learning to Lie Down**

Referencing Book of Psalms 23, sheep only lie down when they feel safe, at peace, free from irritation, and confident in provision. Which of the "four conditions" (fear, friction, irritation, lack of provision) most prevents you from resting in God? Why do you think Jesus sometimes has to "make us lie down"? During this season of Lent, what could you give up to create intentional space to rest in the Good Shepherd's presence?

### **Prayer Prompt**

Good Shepherd, thank You for laying down Your life for us and for loving us with a love that never runs away. Forgive us for the times we cling to control instead of trusting Your care and provision. Teach us to rest in You, to recognize Your voice, and to surrender what keeps us distant from Your presence. During this season of Lent, draw our hearts closer to You and lead us into the abundant life only You can give. Amen.