



Advanced Ministry Class

Lesson 3

Practical Studies About the Ministry

2 Timothy 2:2

*And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses,
the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach
others also.*

To Pastor People Is To Love Them

- The love of a pastor to his people will cover a multitude of deficiencies
- The missing ingredient is often true spiritual love

Love is Commanded!

To Shepherd is to Love

Pastoral Love is Sacrificing for the People

A Pastor Loves His People

Helping Your People

1. **Seek out** those who are discouraged, etc.
2. Be **Available, Approachable, Accessible**
3. Be **prompt** and **faithful** in hospital visits
4. Be there when there is a **death!**
5. Be a friend to the people **carefully**

Cowboys And Shepherds Are Both Leaders With Herds

“Cowboys and Shepherds”

LEAD LIKE THE
GOOD SHEPHERD

Cowboys drive cattle, while **Shepherds** lead their sheep. Cowboys are tough, brave, and skilled at driving a herd of cows. They ride horses and tell them where to go.

Shepherds are gentle, kind, and soothing. They lead, guide, feed, and anoint their sheep. They walk with their sheep and work hard with and for them.

The Greater Principle

TO HELP AND ENCOURAGE THE PEOPLE

- **People occasionally need to be rebuked of wrong.**
 - However, it is better received if they know their pastor loves them and is seeking to help them.
- **Help and encourage the people.**
- **They will respond over the long run.**

Isaiah 40:1-3, 6-8

1-Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

2-Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD'S hand double for all her sins.

3-The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

6-The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field:

7-The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass.

8-The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

Isaiah 40:1

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

- The Preacher... “ye”
- The People... “my people”
- And God... “your God”

Ezekiel 34:1-23

Eze 34:1 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

Eze 34:2 Son of man, prophesy against the **shepherds** of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the **shepherds**; Woe *be* to the **shepherds** of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the **shepherds** feed the flocks?

Eze 34:4 The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up *that which was* broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.

Eze 34:5 And they were scattered, because *there is* no **shepherd**: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered.

Eze 34:6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, **my flock** was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek *after them*.

Eze 34:7 ¶ Therefore, ye **shepherds**, hear the word of the LORD;

Eze 34:8 As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely because **my flock** became a prey, and **my flock** became meat to every beast of the field, because *there was* no **shepherd**, neither did my **shepherds** search for **my flock**, but the **shepherds** fed themselves, and fed not **my flock**;

Eze 34:9 Therefore, O ye **shepherds**, hear the word of the LORD;

Eze 34:10 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against the **shepherds**; and I will require **my flock** at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding **the flock**; neither shall the **shepherds** feed themselves any more; for I will deliver **my flock** from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them.

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Eze 34:12 As a **shepherd** seeketh out **his flock** in the day that he is among his sheep *that are* scattered; so will I seek out **my sheep**, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

Eze 34:14 I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and *in* a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.

Eze 34:15 I will feed **my flock**, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord GOD.

Eze 34:16 I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up *that which was* broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

Eze 34:17 ¶ And *as for* you, O **my flock**, thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I judge between cattle and cattle, between the rams and the he goats.

Eze 34:19 And *as for* **my flock**, they eat that which ye have trodden with your feet; and they drink that which ye have fouled with your feet.

Eze 34:22 Therefore will I save **my flock**, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between cattle and cattle.

Eze 34:23 And I will set up one **shepherd** over them, and he shall feed them, *even* my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their **shepherd**.

The Preacher and His Bible

- ✓ Inerrant, Infallible, Inexhaustible
- ✓ Verbally Inspired... God-breathed
- ✓ Factually Correct and Complete
- ✓ Spiritually Empowering

But...
Which One?



The Preacher and His Bible

- ✓ Read It
- ✓ Heed It
- ✓ Memorize It
- ✓ Study It
- ✓ Practice It
- ✓ Preach It



Good preaching preparation begins with letting Scripture examine, speak, and preach to us.

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