

# SHEPHERDS



Sunday Morning May 28th, 2023

## Understanding A Very Important Analogy

**God portrays Himself as a Shepherd and us as sheep.**

Understanding this relationship will greatly benefit not only our understanding of who God is and why, but also to teach us what our responsibilities are as his children (or sheep).

**What are some of the Bible names for men serving in this role?**

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**Why do we have or need shepherds (elders)?**

Eph. 4:11:12, "to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of ministry, for \_\_\_\_\_ the body of Christ"

Ezekiel 34 also helps us understand the need for a good shepherd is for protection and provision for the flock. (The flocks of God's people)

**In John 10 Jesus calls Himself both the door of the sheep and The Good Shepherd.**

**This is another illustration of Jesus being: The Way, The Truth, & The Life as taught in John 14:6**

In 1 Peter 5:5 we are told to be \_\_\_\_\_ to our elders. When we understand the God-given pattern for shepherds and their responsibilities, we should do this willingly.

Why is Jesus as The Good Shepherd, and our shepherds here at Laurel Canyon so needed?

Isaiah 53:6 tells us, "\_\_\_\_\_ we like sheep have \_\_\_\_\_"

**LORD, Help us to always be looking for and following after our Shepherds!**

