



The Problem with Sheeple - Matthew 18: 12-20

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1. Why does Jesus compare Christians to sheep?
2. Read Matthew 18: 12-14
 - A. What do these verses tell us about the heart of Jesus? How does this touch your heart and your response to Him?
 - B. Have you ever wandered away or got lost? What was happening in your life? What change brought you back?
 - C. How does the heart of Jesus challenge our heart response toward those who are prone to wander?
3. Read Matthew 18: 15-20
 - A. Have you ever seen these verses practiced well in a church?
 - B. What is significant about Jesus' order of the 4 steps?
 - C. Given what we know about the heart of Jesus, how would you describe the goal of the 4 steps?
 - D. What are we as sheep inclined to do instead of practicing these steps well?
4. What new vision do these verses give us for healthy Christian Community?
5. How might our Community Group learn and apply these verses?
6. What specific next step could your community group take to remind and assure every member that they are never alone?



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1. What is surprising about the actions of the shepherd (v.12-13)?
2. What is Jesus' purpose in teaching the parable (v.14)?
3. What does the parable teach us about the nature of God?
4. What do you think about when you think about God?
5. If you have seen the actions of v.15-17 carried out in a community of faith, describe your experience. How did that experience impact your view of this teaching?
6. How did people in Jesus' day treat pagans and tax collectors? How did Jesus treat pagans and tax collectors? How do these two approaches inform Jesus' statement in verse 17?
7. How do you relate to people who are acting in ways that are contrary to the way of God?