### WHITES RUN BAPTIST CHURCH

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# **Sunday, April 21, 2024**

#### **Announcements**

- Food Pantry: Please bring shelf-stable food products, especially cereal, for the food pantry.
- Family Dinner, every Sunday 12:00-?. Everyone is invited.
- Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 7:00 PM: Come pray with us for our church, and our community.
- New World View class for kids: Sundays, 6:00 PM. Help kids learn the truth of Jesus Christ to understand the world and live faithfully in it.

# The Good Shepherd Part 2; John 21:15-22.

Today's Point: Jesus is the Good Shepherd by gathering, knowing, leading, and saving His sheep.

**Context:** Peter denied even knowing Jesus three times despite his declarations of faithfulness. See John 13:36-38; John 18:17, 25-27.

# **Gathers the Sheep**

- Jesus initiates this visit and conversation, John 21:4, 21:15, 10:1-10; Luke 15:1-7; Revelation 3:20.
- Jesus pursues his people that have gone astray or have failed in their walk with Him because he is the Good Shepherd. He keeps the promise to His Father. John 6:39-40.
- Jesus gathers His sheep through his Spirit by the Word of God and the counsel of the church.

## Knows the Sheep

Jesus knew Peter perfectly. John 6:70, 15:16, 13:36-38, 18:17, 18:25-27. Matthew 16:18;

- As He knows each of His sheep perfectly. John 10:3-5, 14, 25-27; Jeremiah 1:5: Ephesians 1:4-5.
- Explaining the conversation
  - O Two loves: Agapao sacrificial love (John 3:16, etc). Phileo fondness, affection, friendship.
  - 1: Jesus uses agapao; Peter replies phileo. Verse 15.
  - 2: Jesus uses agapao; Peter replies phileo. Verse 16.
  - 3: Jesus uses phileo; this grieves Peter; Peter replies phileo. Verse 17.
- The encouragement: Future Peter will have agapao, as indicated by giving his life for Jesus. John 21:18-19.
- Jesus knows our story not as one who is merely intelligent or caring, or wise, but as an author knows his characters.

## Leads the Sheep

• Jesus leads His sheep through his Spirit by the Word of God and the counsel of the church.

### Saves the Sheep

- The New Testament speaks of salvation in three senses:
  - O Saved from the penalty of sin by Christ's work on the cross. (Salvation)
  - Saved from the power of sin by Christ's work in and through us in this life. (Sanctification)
  - Saved from the presence of sin by Christ's second coming. (Glorification)
- Jesus refines his sheep through events in life. We are purified in the furnace of affliction.

# **Encouragements**

- Be real with Jesus about your relationship.
- Take every opportunity to be improved in Christ.

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