November 19, 2017

**The Good Shepherd**

*John 10:11-18; Micah 5:2-4*

* Discuss the idea of being good as Jesus describes it in this passage. What does it mean that God is good? Parents? Teachers? Politicians?
* Why are you so much more likely to risk life and limb for your family than others? What does that have to do with the way God feels about us and how He wants us to feel about one another? See John 10:11-13, 15, 17-18 and 1 Corinthians 4:14-15.
* Describe how your recognition and knowledge of immediate family is different than with strangers? What does Jesus mean that we know His voice?
* How do strangers work their way into our lives, like in advertising?
* Read John 10:16. How much better did John understand this, writing as an old man, than as a young man when he heard Jesus say it? Why?
* Have you ever put your body in harm’s way for someone else? What were you thinking at the time?
* As un-American as it feels, are you willing to let Jesus be your shepherd? What might that mean for your life and lifestyle?