

"I AM" #4
"I am the Good Shepherd"
John 10:1-18 / March 20, 2016

Intro – A shepherd picture (Psalm 23, Jeremiah 23:1-3, Ezekiel 34:12&15)

- **A GOOD SHEPHERD KNOWS THE SHEEP (14)**
 - **Contrast: voices of strangers (v. 5)**
 - **Voice recognition (vs. 3, 4, 14)**
- **A GOOD SHEPHERD CARES FOR THE SHEEP**
 - **Contrast: "flee-ers" (vs. 12&13)**
 - **Life abundantly (vs. 3, 9, 10b, see Luke 15:3-7)**
- **A GOOD SHEPHERD LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP (v. 11)**
 - **Contrast: takers (vs. 1, 5, 8, 10)**
 - **Being a sheep is dangerous (vs. 10, 12, 17&18, see also Acts 20:28-29)**

Close – Another shepherd picture (Amos 3:12)

Prayers for ECC

- Pray for our elders and pastors as they guide, care for, and protect the flock called Eastview Christian Church.
- Pray specifically for a pastor or elder that you know and ask God to give them wisdom to lead and passion to guide.
- Pray for the "other sheep" who will come into this building on Easter Sunday. Pray for them by name and invite them. Pray that on Easter Sunday they will hear the distinct voice of their Shepherd calling them and they will follow.
- Pray for our ushers, tech staff, greeters, parking team, and children's workers leading up to Easter Sunday.
- Thank God that we have a Good Shepherd who laid down his life for us to rescue us from the destruction we were destined for.

Today I learned...

As a result I will...