



GRACE GROUP LEADER GROWTH RESOURCES

April 17, 2023 - SHEPHERDING - Part 2

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The Shepherd Leader, (2010) by Timothy Z. Witmer

Chapter 1 Not a New Idea, Old Testament Themes

- The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. (Psalm 23:1)
- If the Lord is the shepherd and the people are his flock, we should not be surprised that he uses shepherding imagery to refer to those he calls to lead and care for his flock.
- Moses and David were called to shepherd God's people, and human shepherds are woefully inadequate.

Questions to ponder:

1. Why is the metaphor of shepherd appropriate for the relationship between God and his people?
2. Why is the metaphor of shepherd appropriate for those who would lead the people of God?

Chapter 5 Shepherds Know the Sheep

- The most fundamental relationship of all and the foundation for all others is our relationship with the Lord.
- It is our restored, loving relationship with the Lord that flows over into transforming our relationship with other people, particularly those who are also part of his flock.
- The most basic responsibility of the shepherd is to know and identify his sheep.

Questions to ponder:

1. Do your sheep "know" their shepherd? Are you approachable?
2. What steps have you taken to establish relationships with your sheep?

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