

His Sheep Am I

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I. Introduction.

A. Jesus is the Shepherd and we are the sheep. (Psalm 23; John 10)

II. We are like sheep because...

A. We are afraid.

1. We fear the unknown. But we can trust the Shepherd. (Isaiah 41:10; 50:10)

2. We fear the slippery places. The promises of God get us across. (Psalm 73; Habakkuk 3:19)

3. We fear the enemy. The Shepherd enables us to hold our ground when we compare the enemy to God. (2 Timothy 1:7; James 4:7; 2 Chronicles 20)

B. We are given to detours. (Hebrews 3:10)

C. We are restless and think the grass is greener on the other side of the fence. We all have a place in the body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12)

D. We are wayward. The Shepherd gets us back on our way. (Isaiah 53; Job 5:15-19)

E. We are adventuresome, but we like lower ground when we get older. We should pray for the higher ground.

F. We keep together to protect ourselves. We need to check which flock we are following to keep us from the enemy. (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10)

G. We need leaders, so we need the Shepherd. (John 10:3; Psalm 23; Psalm 78)

H. We express defiance.

I. The Shepherd knows our name. (John 10:3-4; Jeremiah 31:3)

J. We are in danger of being undernourished. We must be sheered to remain healthy.

Application questions:

1. What is the Christian response to fear?

2. What kind of detours do you struggle with? How does Jesus get us on track?

3. What are some characteristics of a healthy flock to be a part of?
