

R Group Discussion Questions

10.18.26

Text: Ezekiel 34:1-24

1. God condemned Israel's leaders because they used the people for their own benefit instead of caring for them. What are some ways we can be tempted to use others to serve our own interests rather than loving and serving them? Where might this temptation show up in your own life?
2. God promises, "I myself will search for my sheep," and to strengthen the weak, heal the sick, and seek the lost. How does knowing that God is a Shepherd who actively seeks, cares for, and provides for His people encourage you in the difficulties you are facing right now?
3. God does not hold only the leaders accountable; He also judges the sheep who mistreat and exploit one another. Why is it often easier to recognize the failures of others than to recognize similar selfishness in our own hearts? What might repentance look like in an area where you have put your own interests ahead of someone else?
4. Ezekiel points forward to a Shepherd who is both God's appointed servant David and the fulfillment of God's own promise to shepherd His people. How does seeing Jesus as the divine Son of God and the promised Son of David deepen your understanding of who He is and why you can trust Him?
5. The gospel transforms how we treat others: Jesus laid down His life for guilty, wayward sheep like us, taking our sin upon Himself to bring us back to God. How does receiving the love and grace of our Good Shepherd free us to love and serve others without using them to meet our own needs or trying to earn God's favor?

Next week: John 10:1-13