

Knowing the Flock

This 5-day devotional guide will help you prepare your heart for the upcoming Sunday sermon, "Knowing the Flock." It may also be used as a guide for family devotions and is for the week beginning Monday, November 9, 2026.

Monday

Scripture: Proverbs 27:23

Questions for Reflection

- What two commands are given in this verse regarding a shepherd's flock?
- To what is the shepherd instructed to give careful attention?
- Why might a shepherd need to know the condition of the flock before he can care for it effectively?
- How can you become more attentive to the spiritual and practical needs of the people God has placed around you?

Questions for Children

- What does the verse say we should know well?
- What does the verse say we should pay attention to?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, help me pay careful attention to the people You have placed in my life. Give me wisdom to notice needs and respond with love and care.

Tuesday

Scripture: John 10:1-5

Questions for Reflection

- How do the sheep respond to the voice of their shepherd in this passage?
- What do the sheep do when they hear the voice of a stranger?
- What does this passage teach about the close relationship between a shepherd and his sheep?
- How can you become more attentive to the voice of Christ through His Word this week?

Questions for Children

- What does the shepherd call his sheep by?
- Do the sheep follow the shepherd or a stranger?

Prayer Prompt

Father, thank You that Jesus speaks to His people and leads them. Help me recognize His voice through Scripture and follow Him faithfully.

Wednesday

Scripture: John 10:11-13

Questions for Reflection

- What title does Jesus give Himself in these verses?
- What is the Good Shepherd willing to do for His sheep?
- How does Jesus' sacrificial care for the flock shape your understanding of spiritual leadership?
- In what way can you show sacrificial care for someone else this week?

Questions for Children

- What does Jesus call Himself?
- What is the Good Shepherd willing to do for the sheep?

Prayer Prompt

Lord Jesus, thank You for loving Your sheep enough to lay down Your life for them. Help me reflect Your selfless love in the way I serve and care for others.

Thursday

Scripture: John 10:14-15

Questions for Reflection

- What does Jesus say He knows about His sheep?
- What do the sheep know about Jesus?

- Why is it comforting to know that Christ knows His people personally and completely?
- How can you grow in your knowledge of Christ and confidence in His care?

Questions for Children

- Who does Jesus know?
- Who knows Jesus according to these verses?

Prayer Prompt

Heavenly Father, thank You that Christ knows each of His sheep personally. Help me grow closer to Him and trust His care in every circumstance.

Friday

Scripture: Proverbs 27:23; John 10:14-18

Questions for Reflection

- According to these passages, what does a faithful shepherd know about his flock?
- What additional sheep does Jesus say He intends to bring into His flock?
- What do these verses teach about God's concern for every individual within His people?

- How can you help strengthen the unity, care, and outreach of your church family?

Questions for Children

- What does Jesus say He will do with the other sheep?
- How many flocks does Jesus ultimately say there will be?

Prayer Prompt

Father, thank You for sending Jesus, the Good Shepherd, to care for His flock. Help me value the people in Your church, encourage others in their faith, and point more people to Christ.