

Connect Group 5-15-22

Welcome

Opening Question: What is something you collect OR, What was your favorite toy as a child?

Worship

Word

Read Ezekiel 34:1-16 together and answer the following questions.

- 1) Who is Ezekiel prophesying against?
- 2) What things made the 'shepherds' worthless?
- 3) What will God do to these shepherds?
- 4) What will God do for the sheep?

Read Ezekiel 34:17-31

- 5) How does God differentiate between different types of sheep? What are the differences?
- 6) What characteristics were the bad sheep displaying?
- 7) What similarities do you see between the bad sheep and the bad shepherds?
- 8) What future promises of care and restoration does God give the people?
- 9) What else stands out to you from these verses?

Digging Deeper:

- 1) Why is bad leadership such a problem?
- 2) What are some differences between godly leadership and what the world often thinks is good leadership?
- 3) How would you describe the bad shepherds? How can you recognize a good shepherd?
- 4) **Read John 10:11-18.** Contrast the bad shepherds with Jesus. What really stands out about Jesus?
- 5) While Ezekiel rebukes the bad shepherds, he also corrects the sheep. Why is it important to see that even with the absence of good leadership, the sheep still had to take responsibility for their behavior?
- 6) How can you grow when you are lacking godly leaders and examples?
- 7) How should you choose who to follow?
- 8) Who is someone that you are an example or shepherd toward?

Works

Pray for one another and pray for your unsaved friends and family.