

Whose Sheep are These Anyway?

Icebreaker: What animal of creation (besides man) would you consider to be the smartest....which is the dumbest (besides man).

The Big Idea: We all are leaders in some part of our lives. Whether Parenting, grand parenting, mentoring, in business, ministry or education or many other venues...we lead. We should look upon each opportunity as a calling...an anointed position that God has prepared for us to fill. As "Christ-followers" we should always have before us His example and do our best to follow after.

1. Please read 1 Peter 1:1-5

What is unique about the living hope Christ provides (vs. 3-4)?

Using the acrostic HOPE identify 4 blessings or attributes of that hope.

H _____

O _____

P _____

E _____

Since we have the blessing of that holy, optimistic, permanent, and eternal hope our gratitude should lead us to sacrifice our time-talents-treasures for His kingdom and leading when we are called.

2. Please read 1 Peter 5:1-5----The analogies of the elder/leader/shepherd are great!!

How does a shepherd motivate sheep?

How do you personally motivate those you lead?

3. Please read John 21:15-17

Christ gave Peter one mission three times.

Who are the sheep/lambs you are called to lead/tend/feed? If you are not sure, pray with your group to help you identify whom and where you are called to lead.