

THURSDAY BLOG

Sheep-ish

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Our Amish neighbors have begun caring for a small flock of sheep. I have already stopped beside the road and took a picture. I like sheep. About a dozen small sheep are now part of my morning commute. The routine seems to be the farmer puts them up at night in a small barn/shed, protecting them from any dangers. Then early, each morning, he lets them out into a small pasture. This grassy area is next to the main road, where I travel each day.



The wise farmer built a new, strong, woven wire, farm fence to box them in this little pen and pasture area. His goal is to keep them safely huddled together during the day. As winter and colder weather arrives, the farmer will need to provide some grain feed and keep fresh water available during colder temperatures. Their heavy wool coats help them stay warm at night, as they're snuggled together.

Sheep are pretty hearty animals during all kinds of weather. However, sheep can wander into trouble if isolated from their flock. Having a strong fence keeps danger away; and also keeps them safe inside. Sheep are pretty cooperative and docile compared to other farm animals.

Still, sheep get rambunctious, confused, and lost—they also smell. This reminds me of the Church Jesus started. Jesus refers to His followers as sheep, needing a Shepherd. “35 Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease illness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” Matthew 9:35-36 NLT

People who follow Jesus are sheep-ish. We need a shepherd. Jesus is the Good Shepherd, always nearby (Psalm 23). We also need shepherds keeping us sheep from getting confused and helpless in this world.

Join us this weekend at Journey Church Cynthiana. We're in a series, titled, Multiply... Amplify the Church Jesus started. We are looking at a few words from Titus in the Bible. We learn from the Bible that people are like sheep. We are easily distracted and spooked by sudden changes and loud noises. We are sheep-ish.

Jump inside and take a few notes. Bring a seat (sheep) buddy. Help others discover HOW to get life better organized. Explain the Church Jesus started is something like a farmer/shepherd feeding and protecting his flock. Go God.

We are better together.