



He is the Great Shepherd - Introduction

Mission Valley Christian Fellowship
Spring 2007 Women's Study
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Our Purpose:

Study - Titus 2:3 tell us, "...teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good."

Fellowship - God loves fellowship. He created us to have fellowship with Him and with one another. There are dozens of scriptures which direct us to fellowship, but none more direct than Hebrews 10:23-25, "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

We gather to do these things. The Word is our focus but fellowship is also very important. God created us as a church to fellowship.

Our Process:

We meet the first week for introductions, a general overview of our topic, and to hand out the first week's homework. Beginning the second week, we will meet as a group for lecture and then break into small groups for in-depth discussion. At the end of the meeting, homework will be distributed to help you prepare for the next week's teaching.

Our fellowship begins the moment we are introduced to another woman in the study. Formally, we share time before and after the meeting. Informally, we gather together throughout the week to enjoy each other and share our lives. Sometimes it might be a brief phone call or a few minutes chatting before church. Other times a group might gather for coffee or go to lunch. But the goal is always the same: to edify each other, to lift each other's spirits and offer encouragement, to have fun, and to glorify God.

Guidelines:

- Our study will utilize the King James translation of the Bible. We strongly suggest you follow along in this translation to get the most out of the material offered.
- Do your best to complete the homework before that week's meeting. This way you will gain greater insight into the scriptures and to have a more clear understanding of God's message for you. This will also facilitate better discussion in your small group.
- Use only the Bible, prayer, and your own thoughts to complete your homework. Commentaries, outside sources, and advice from others will not allow you to get the full benefit from this study.

The most important thing is that you come. Come each week and hear the Word of God. Come and fellowship with other women and learn from them. Come and enjoy being surrounded with those who are also seeking the Will of God. Come and be blessed.