Title: Counting Sheep

Text: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11

Target: Jesus is not just a shepherd. He is the Good Shepherd.

1. Jesus Speaks: "To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." (Vs. 3)

Question #1: Am I truly listening for the voice of Jesus in the noise of my life? or just following the crowd?

Question #2: Do I believe He knows me by name, and am I allowing Him to lead me daily?

2. Jesus Saves: "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture." (Vs. 9)

Question #3: Have I truly entered into life through Jesus? or am I still trying to save myself through my own efforts?

Question #4: What does "finding pasture" look like in my life right now? Am I walking in His rest?

3. Jesus_Supplies: "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." (Vs. 10)

Question #5: Am I settling for survival when Jesus offers me abundance?

Question #6: What "thieves" have I allowed in that are stealing my peace, joy, or purpose?

4. Jesus Shields: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (Vs.11)

Question #7: Do I really trust that Jesus is protecting me, even when life feels uncertain or painful?

Question #8: What does His sacrifice mean to me personally? How am I living in response to it?

5. Jesus Secures: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand." John 10:27-28

Question #9: Do I find security in knowing that nothing can separate me from Jesus—not even my failures?

Question #10: Am I walking in confidence, knowing I'm held in His hand or in fear, trying to hold it all together myself?

Takeaway: The Lord is MY shepherd! Is He yours?

Challenge:

This week, *slow down* and intentionally listen for the Shepherd's voice. Reflect on each role He plays in your life—Speaker, Savior, Supplier, Shield, and Security. Then ask: