

St John's Meads – Home Groups

God Judges: False Leaders



Review: Israel's history has been littered with examples of good and false leaders. The Mission of God has brought us to the point where the people of Israel await their true saving leader (Messiah) to appear. This week we have the opportunity to explore the false leader traits condemned by God, and the characteristics of Jesus as good shepherd.



Discuss:

- In what roles or circumstances do you lead others, whether in a big or a small way?
- Read Ezekiel 34:1-16. How does God see the motives of false leaders (v2)? What aspects of their responsibilities have they neglected or abused (vv 3-4)? What are the consequences for the sheep (vv5-6) and for false leaders (v10)?
- Read John 10:1-18. What are the contrasting virtues we see in Jesus's description of his own shepherding? What makes Jesus care so special?
- In what way can we sometimes behave like sheep? How might we become more like the good shepherd? What would need to change?



Pray : Thank the Lord for the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and that He may inspire us to serve Him, know each other and care for each other more and more. Give thanks that He knows us by name, and laid down his life for us.

Seek God's protection from false leaders, those who have turned from God and seek their own ends. Ask for His help in recognising times when this might have been true of us, seek his forgiveness, and commit afresh to play out God's purposes consistently.