**Reflections-05-07-17**

Shepherd, Sheep, Abundant Life

*“Who gives you life?”*

John 10:1-10

1. Pastor Glen used the analogy that his relationship with his granddaughter is similar to the relationship that a shepherd has with his sheep. Do you agree what there are similarities? If yes, what do they have in common?
2. Pastor Glen said that everyone seeks out “life”. Do you agree and what does seeking life look like?
3. Jesus & other Biblical references refer to God’s children as “sheep”. Why do you think this is a popular Biblical image for people?
4. Jesus said, “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” Do you think most people in the church or outside of the church believe that Jesus wants us to have the best life possible? Explain your answer ….
5. If it is God’s intention that we have an abundant life, do you think we should do everything possible to assist people in having an abundant life? If yes, what can we do to help others to live abundantly?

**John 10:1-10**

10‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. 2The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ 6Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. 9I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. 10The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.