

“Original Intent”

Ezekiel 34

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When we journey through the various life stages, we tend to hunger for the next stage – until it comes to discipleship. Being on a journey with Jesus involves us becoming passionate about the next stage of life more and more. Our purpose must not only be to exist, but to thrive! The joy of leaving this life with an opportunity of knowing you discipled new believers brings a smile on God’s face.

The Beginning of Life:

“Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out.” v.11

- Physical life begins dependent
- Spiritual life begins doubtful
- *“Who are you feeding?”*

The Blessing of Living:

“area around a blessing” – v. 26

- Lifting up the disappointed
- Encouraging the desperate
- *“Who are you strengthening?”*

The Benefit of Love:

“will not be prey for others nations” – v. 28

- Breaking the bands of salvage
- Bringing hope to the scattered
- Bridging to the Shepherd
- *“Who are the scattered?”*

Finding Real Application:

Our joy of being Christ followers (believers) brings a responsibility to leave this journey better than we found it. Everyone serves in a different way for the Good Shepherd. In our own way, what are we doing to disciple/mentor others in the faith? It doesn’t end on a Sunday morning. It’s a life pulse to living a journey with Christ. *Where does the Good Shepherd find you? Scattered or Serving? Deserted or Determined?*