

Ezekiel 34 • The Shepherds & the Sheep

1. (v.1-6) Being a shepherd of God is all about the **care** and **feeding** of His sheep and **pursuing** them when they stray. It's much more than merely **leading** them, and requires constant **living** out among the sheep to do a good job – not requiring the sheep to **come** to them.
2. (v.7-10) The effects of false shepherds have far-reaching repercussions in that their weakening the flock from the **inside** induces weakness to attacks from the **outside**.
3. (v.11-16) Christ's example of what service to God is supposed to mean was revealed when He went out **directly** to feed and heal the people rather than bring them **centrally** to the **Temple**.
4. (v.17-22) There is never a situation where we are not **accountable** for the quality of our **love** to, and **service** for, others.
5. (v.23-24) There is no **room** for both a false shepherd and the Great Shepherd.
6. (v.25-31) The ultimate work of the Great Shepherd still to come is the spiritual **reconciliation** of the whole **flock** of Israel.