

Introduction

Anyone can die, but only the Son of the Father could resume His existence at will. The entire Gospel is motivated by the will of the Father, Jesus' love for the Father, and the Father's love for us; not because we are worthy, but because He is good. Easter is about Jesus' authority to resurrect and call all of us to Himself. When we submit to His authority we become sheep who hear/listen to His voice.

Discussion

Who are the people in authority in your life right now?
How do they exercise that authority?

Explanation – Read John 10:7-15.

What are the things in your life that you would fight for in order to keep safe?
Are there things you used to fight for but no longer do? What are they?
What does it mean that Jesus came to lay down His life for you?

Application

How do you listen to the voice of Jesus?
How do you understand the concept that Jesus is the one who speaks and brings truth?
What are the times you do not listen to Him or follow Him?
How does that typically work out?

Mission

How would seeing Jesus as your great Shepherd give you strength in understanding His sending you out into the world?

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AUTHORITY

TO LAY DOWN AND TAKE UP

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

John 10:17-18
Matthew 5-7
Matthew 8-9
Matthew 9:9
Matthew 10:10

Matthew 28:18-20
Job 38:11
Ecclesiastes 8:8
John 10:18
Matthew 9:36

John 10:1-5
John 10:11, 14-15,
& 17-18
1 John 3:16