I am the Good Shepherd – 15.12.2024

Good shepherd – ref to bad shepherd?

Shepherding then and now. We drive sheep from behind. Then – sheep were led by the shepherd, they followed him. They recognised him – his voice drew them, they associated it with benefits – food, comfort, care of all kinds. Recognition not facial , visual. For sheep probably his voice, his smell, the association of this person with good things. The sheep and the good shepherd have a *relationship*, they *know* each other. V12 hired hands do not have this *relationship*. Shepherding is all about relationship between sheep and shepherd.

What do good shepherds do?

Protect the flock

Nurse the flock

Feed the flock

Know the flock