

Engaging Gospel Doctrine (Episode 120.2)

LESSON 43 (STUDY NOTES)

The Shepherds of Israel

Hook	So it turns out when your job is to care for the sheep, you shouldn't eat them instead. Ezekiel has a vivid metaphor for responsible, loving leadership.
Goal	
Overview	
Conclusion	

Manual Goal: Manual Goal: To encourage class members to fulfill their responsibilities as “shepherds of Israel” ([Ezekiel 34:2](#)).

EGD Goal: Class members should reflect on leadership from both sides—how to be better leaders in their own lives, and how to support leaders in different contexts.

I. Sunday School

- a. Correction to consider (from Christian): Juanita Brooks was never formally disciplined, just ostracized. Also, Richard Bushman was not "set apart" to write "Rough Stone Rolling". After he'd started, he asked for (and received) a blessing from Packer.
- b. Review the reading
- c. What does it mean to be a “good shepherd”? How does God set the example?
- d. How can we be good leaders? In what contexts are we leaders?
- e. How can we support our leaders?
- f. What are the “shepherds of Israel” condemned for?
- g. What can we do when our leaders fall short?
- h. Personal accountability/sins of the fathers
- i. Conclusion I/Shepherds in our lives

II. Scholarship

- a. Who was Ezekiel?
- b. Return to the reading
- c. Ezek. 37 in academic perspective

III. Study Notes

- a. The Good Shepherd and divine intervention
- b. Is leadership necessary?
- c. Leadership challenges in the Church (including priesthood roulette)
- d. How could we help leaders be better in the Church?
- e. Conclusion II