


- 1 **The Lord is our shepherd.** Read Psalm 23 and John 10:7-18 as a group. What aspects of Christ's shepherding care for His flock are most striking to you?

 *How does the imagery of Christ as a shepherd help you understand His role in your life today?*

 *How does Christ shepherd his church today? How does 1 Peter 5:1-5 show us one way that God cares for his church? How does the church need these shepherd-teachers?*

 *In what specific ways are you most in need of Christ's shepherding work in your life right now?*

- 2 **The sermon talked about how community and learning are the two pillars of the Christian life.** Dwell on the 2 Peter 1:3-9. It presents a sequence of pursuits for the Christian life. How do you see community and learning in this passage? Are these qualities independent or do they depend on each other?

 *What happens to someone who is not pursuing these qualities?*

 *Which of the qualities seem most difficult to practice and why?*

 *How are we not left alone in our pursuit of these qualities? How does God help us?*

3 **We can err by overzealously pursuing one of these goals (community and knowledge) to the detriment of the other.** Knowledge can often puff a person up with Pride (Ecclesiastes 1:18, 1 Corinthians 8:1b ). What can we learn about the importance of both community and knowledge from 1 Corinthians 13:2? “ And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.”

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♥️ *Which do you think you are most prone to emphasizing? Why do you think that is?*

💡 *How can we strike a healthy balance between these two pillars in our Christian walk? Read Eph. 4:15. How is this balance necessary if we are to “speak truth in love” to each other?*

4 **How is “study” different from other ways of engaging with God’s word?** Why should we pursue study? Read 1 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 4:12, Joshua 1:8, Psalm 119:105.

🗨️ *What do you think it means to “Learn in Studies” as a rhythm of Gospel Grace Church life? Does this only happen on a Sunday morning? What are ways that a community can learn in studies outside of a Sunday service.*

♥️ *What would growth look like in your life in the area of pursuing the knowledge of Christ?*