

5. In John 10:1-15, Jesus speaks about his identity as the Good Shepherd. In your own experience who are those whose voice or actions in your life are “false shepherds?” How can you distinguish between voices that come to “steal and destroy” or to bring “abundant life?”

6. In The Purpose Driven Life, Rick Warren identifies five purposes that we have been created to fulfill as children of God. These are: Worship, Service, Witness, Relationship with God, Relationship with Others.

a) How do each of these purposes contribute to a life in balance?

b) One way of describing sin is when the good gifts of God are used for our own purposes rather than for their intended purposes. How might this be true of these five purposes?

c) What does it look like when someone’s life demonstrates these five purposes in balance?

d) On a scale of 1-10, how would you compare your life to that kind of purposeful balanced life?

Taking Action:

Pick one thing which is pulling/pushing life out of balance...

- What does it look like to submit this aspect of my life to the Rule of Christ?
- What are two or three specific changes that need to happen in this area of life?
- Which one will you start with this week? Who will keep you accountable?

Personal Reflection:

Have I fully surrendered my will to the rule and reign of God? Where is there evidence of this in my life?