



November 24 – The Abundant Life...Give Thanks!

We have been given much. But the stuff of this earth is not what abundant life is all about, even though we are taught to think about it all that way. True abundant life is gift from God. Join us this weekend as we pause and take time to simply and yet powerfully say THANK YOU to God for the abundant life that is ours in Jesus!

Scripture:

Psalm 100 ESV

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

John 10:10-16

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

Questions:

- What are you thankful for in your life these days?
- Does your heart tend to go to the "I'm so thankful..." place or the "I wish I had..." place more often?
- Try this for at least the next few weeks – before you go to sleep – make a list – mental or written – of all the things you are thankful for that day. See if this helps shape your heart to a more thankful place!

Reading for the Week:

Monday: 1 Chronicles 16:34

Tuesday: 1 Timothy 4:4-5

Wednesday: Hebrews 12:28-29

Thursday: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Friday: Philippians 4:6-7