

Notes from Rev. Sarah's sermon 5/3/20

If we follow Jesus, we will become shepherds like him.

Shepherd Actions

Washing hands

Wearing masks around others

Staying home if you can

Offering help to others

Calling people to give support

Supporting local businesses

Urging our leaders to work together for safe plans to reopen

Saying thank you again and again

Not taking others' work for granted

Non shepherd actions i.e. thief and bandit actions

Standing too close to others in public

Not wearing a mask when around others

Hoarding anything

Not washing your hands or covering a cough or sneeze

Being stingy with praise, gratitude and abundance.

Calling leaders and others names and threatening the safety of Capitol police and lawmakers when you don't agree with them.

You get the picture. If we follow Jesus, we will give up our right to be selfish in order to follow in his selfless path. We will give up our self-comforts to assist others. Dr. Daniel Berrigan famously said, "If you want to follow Jesus you better look good on wood." Sacrifice is our model in Christ, and we follow Him.

When we look at the actions of early Christians in Acts, we see this behavior right away. They shared, prayed and helped one another and after the great cataclysm of Jesus death they worked together to plan for the future. I hope that's what we do now. Not demanding return to normal so we feel better but planning and creating together a better future for all of us.



Bamboozled as heck.