

Provision (DVD1)

Introduction

Background to the research (0.00)

The call to be “shepherds after God’s own heart” (5.03)

Why wouldn’t Abu-Jamal allow his sons to inherit the family business?

Reflect: What do you hear God saying about your heart?

Provision Overview (15.09)

Why does Psalm 23 begin with images of green pastures and still waters?

Feeding the hungry (20.35)

In what kind of environment does provision take place?

What is the meaning of “Eden”?

What is the goal of provision?

Implications (29.29)

What is the primary spiritual provision in the Bible?

Reflect: How do you provide this for yourself?

Reflect: How do you provide this for others?

Retrieving the lost (41.18)

What is the relationship between wandering and being misled?

What does it mean biblically to be “lost”?

Reflect: In your ministry context, who is lost and how can you retrieve them?

Protection (DVD2)

Protection Overview (0.00)

Describe the two different kinds of “heart” shepherding requires

In what kind of environment does the work of protection take place?

What is the goal of protection?

The challenges of the night (14.39)

What is the problem with hired hands?

Watchdogs (18.19)

What leadership role do watchdogs represent in the Bible?

What are the other roles represented by shepherds?

Gate-keeping (20.52)

What was the problem with Zechariah’s security system?

How can thieves be considered effective shepherds?

Reflect: Are you adequately interested and informed about the threats to your flock? (Explain)

Wolves (29.12)

Why might Paul have been so certain in his message to the Ephesian elders?

Reflect: Name some people and movements that are dangerous threats to God’s people

The two sides of the shepherd’s heart revisited (35.35)

Reflect: Can you “go both ways” in your leadership context?

The devil – our ultimate enemy (39.13)

Reflect: What are the primary ways you see the devil at work in the lives of your flock?

What two qualities does Jesus encourage for disciples who are sent out as sheep among wolves?

Justice (43.34)

How is protection from predators *outside* the flock similar to ensuring equity and justice *inside* the flock?

Reflect: Does your leadership style begin with compassion but follow through with discipline when needed? (Explain)

Guidance (DVD3)

Guidance Overview (0.00)

Tails and Trails (2.24)

What are the dangers of following tails?

What does a trail signify?

Reflect: What kind of “righteous ruts” do you have in your ministry context?

What kinds of leadership did God combine in the wilderness?

Leading alone and leading together (12.24)

What are the “positions” of leadership?

What are the implications of being in God’s “family business”?

What constitutes a shepherd’s “leadership team”?

What is the leadership lesson taught at the training corral in Israel?

Outcomes (28.48)

What are the two purposes of good shepherding?

What are the spiritual outcomes of biblical shepherding?

Reflect: Do you have a balanced interest in growth that is both qualitative and quantitative? (Explain)

“Think Flock” (32.30)

Reflect: What decisions have you made that required making the good of the whole more important than the felt needs of an individual?

Leading home (37.40)

What is the significance of the wilderness for the identity of God’s people?

Reflect: How might leadership “with heaven in view” change the way you think and lead?