

What is the job of a shepherd?

The Shepherd is an important image that is used many times through the Biblical Text. David was a Shepherd before he was a conquering King, the shepherds in the field were among the first to hear of the birth of Christ. And Jesus uses the shepherd as a teaching point many times.

Read John 10:11-18

Once again, Jesus uses this imagery of the shepherd to teach.

What is the difference between the Good Shepherd and the 'Hired Hand'?

What makes the good shepherd different for the sheep?

Who does the Good Shepherd represent?

Who are the sheep?

If you reread the scripture replacing the Good Shepherd and the sheep with who you think this represents, how does this change the way you read the passage?

How does that change the meaning?