

LESSON 2 | KNOWING YOUR SHEEP

John 10:14–15 (NLT): “I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, 15 just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep.”

KNOWING YOUR SHEEP MEANS:

1. KNOW THEIR _____.

John 10:3b (NLT): “He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.”

2. KNOW THEIR _____.

Proverbs 27:23–24 (NLT): “²³ Know the state of your flocks, and put your heart into caring for your herds, ²⁴ for riches don’t last forever, and the crown might not be passed to the next generation.”

3. KNOW THEIR _____.

Galatians 6:2 (NLT): “Share each other’s burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.”

4. KNOW THEIR _____.

2 Timothy 1:6 (NLT): “This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you.”

5. KNOW THEM _____.

1 Thessalonians 2:8 (NLT): “We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God’s Good News but our own lives, too.”

PRACTICAL APPLICATION FOR PASTORS

Keep a notebook or digital file with people's names, family info, prayer requests, and follow-up notes.

Call, message, or visit members consistently.

Let people talk before you advise or teach.

Share in both victories and losses.

Speak life into people's callings before they see it themselves.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think Jesus compares His relationship with us to knowing us by name?
2. In what practical ways can you "know the state of your flock" better?
3. How do you balance ministering to current needs while also calling out future potential?
4. What's one thing you can do this week to personally connect with someone in your church outside of a service?
5. How has being personally known by a pastor impacted your own walk with God?

ASSIGNMENT

This week, choose **five members** of your church and spend intentional time learning something new about their life, spiritual journey, or struggles.

Follow up by writing down their names, what you learned, and one way you can encourage them in the next month.