

Called by the Gospel

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Ps 23; 1 Jn 3.16-24; Jn 10.11-18

Introduction

CCT: Christ calls us by the _____, out of death and into life.

I. Illustration: the Power of a Trusted Voice

The call of a trusted voice can be very powerful. Such a call from such a person can coax a snarling beast or person out of danger and into safety...

II. We All Like Sheep?

Isaiah 53:6a-b (ESV)

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way. . .

1 Peter 2:25a (ESV)

²⁵ For you were straying like sheep. . .

Sometimes we're like sheep. Sometimes we're worse...

How are *you* worse than a sheep?

"Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"
(Acts 9.4)

What does this teach us about how we treat fellow Christians?

Our anger can be like a _____ bull. Only _____ can save us and lead us to safety...

III. Called by the Gospel

Isaiah 53:6 (ESV)

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Who is the “him” above?

John 10:17–18 (ESV)

¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

What did Christ do for you?

Conclusion

Beware of anger...

Receive the Gospel...

1 John 3:23 (ESV)

²³ ... that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.



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“Let There Be Bees on Earth”

Mother ~ Daughter ~ Friend Banquet



Tuesday, May 15, 2018
Oconomowoc Golf Club



Adults: \$20.00

Children: \$10 (3-11 yrs)

Menu: Pork Tenderloin

Menu: Chicken Tenders

Twice-Baked Potato

Mac ‘n Cheese

California Blend Veggies

Fruit

Salad, Rolls & Dessert

Ice Cream

Coffee & Milk

Milk

Fellowship

6:00 pm

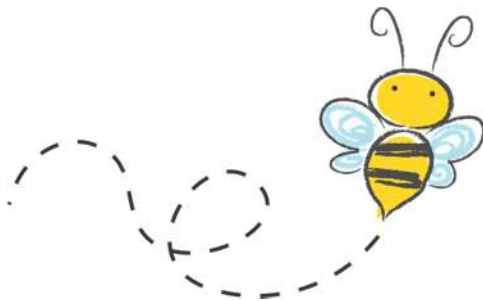
Dinner

7:00 pm

Entertainment to follow dinner!

Get your Mother-Daughter-Friend Banquet tickets from the church office (262.567.5001) or one of our officers: Judy Braatz (262.567.7787), Mary Lou Pagenkopf (262.354.3010), Sue Lindemann (262.567.8985) or Sharon Peterson (262.490.8671) no later than *Tuesday, May 8th*.

Bring a bag of Hard Candy for



Preferred flavors:

Root Beer

Peppermint

Lemon

Ginger