

WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE TODAY!

Is this your first time here? Welcome! Stop by the Info Spot before or after the service. We'd love to meet you, answer any questions you have, and give you some information. For kids and students, we offer great programs specially tailored to their ages. The team at the Westwood Kids desk is happy to help you get them connected. For more info on the great things happening here, check out westwoodcc.org.

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE New hearing assistance devices are available. These devices are designed to work alone or in conjunction with a hearing aid. Let an usher know if you would like one.



COMMUNION

Today we will experience communion. We invite everyone who is a follower of Jesus to participate. You do not need to be a member of Westwood Community Church. The bread and cup will be passed to you as you are seated. Hold each element until everyone has been served. We will eat and drink together. Gluten-free bread is available at the usher station in the back.



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

Happy Independence Day! We wish you a safe and happy holiday. Westwood offices will be closed on July 4th.

Matthew 18:12-14
(NIV)

What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? ¹³And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. ¹⁴In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.

The Sheep

It is in our _____ to _____.

It is in our _____ to _____.

The Father

It is in God's _____ to _____.

It is in God's _____ to _____.

The Father's "Why": _____ Jeremiah 31:3b

The Father's "How":

His _____ Romans 1:20

His _____ Hebrews 4:12

His _____ 2 Corinthians 5:18-20

For Personal Reflection

How does this story stir you?

How does this shape your personal journey?

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SEARCH AND RESCUE: THE WANDERING SHEEP

BIBLE READING PLAN

Join us in reading the Bible together. The Bible Reading Plan is a way to incorporate reading the Bible into your week. These verses are chosen by our pastors and designed to complement the Sunday message.

You can find it on our app or at westwoodcc.org/readingplan

- ☐ Matthew 18:12–14
- ☐ 1 Peter 2:25
- ☐ Psalm 95:6–7
- ☐ Revelation 21:3
- ☐ Ezekiel 34:11–16

TELL MELLA STORY



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Tell Me a Story #2

Search and Rescue: The Parable of the Wandering Sheep

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1. Good stories compel us and some have the power to change us. Recently, when have you heard a good story, and how has that story shaped you?
2. We will ask two questions at the end of each of the messages in this series (listed at the bottom of the teaching notes).
 - a. How does this story stir you?

 - b. How does this story shape how you live out your own story?

Take some time to share your answers to these questions. *If you as a group have not given thought to them – start with 5 minutes to think & answer them, and then share.*

3. Read Matthew 18:12-14
4. One of the take-aways from this passage is that we have hearts that drift, and wills that lead us to wander. Why do you think this is? Also, when have you experienced a drift/wandering will before in your journey?
 - a. Read Romans 7:18-20: How does this passage resonate with you?
5. In the parable of the wandering sheep, Jesus uses it to describe what God is like. We learned that it is in God's heart to search, and it is in his will to find.
 - a. As you heard this in the message, or even hear it again now – how does this strike you?
6. God's why: Read Jeremiah 31:3. According to this text – what is God's 'Why' for his unending search? Hint – there are two things that we talked about...
 - a. How God reaches us:
 - i. Creation – read Romans 1:20
 - ii. His word – read Hebrews 4:12
 - iii. His people – Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-20
 - b. How have you personally experienced either 1 or multiple of these ways God has revealed himself to you?
7. Joining the search party – who in your life has God put on your heart to reach out to as a result of this message in hopes that you can help Jesus to find the 1?
8. What hit you from Corey's story?
9. What's one take away you want to try to live into in this next week because of this sermon?