

For the week of November 12, 2017

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Abusive Shepherds and Fat Sheep

Ninth week in the series: *Knowing the God of Justice and Hope*

Ezekiel 34

Ezekiel offers the people in exile an oracle of combined judgment and restoration. The failed leaders of Israel are judged and a promise is made for a new kind of a leader and a transformed community. As we see God's promises to his people, we consider our own lives and our responsibility toward leaders in our world.

Discussion Questions:

1. How have you been hurt by failed leadership?
2. Did you see those leaders held accountable?
3. How have you seen people hurt each other in the struggle to be on top of the pecking order?
4. In what ways are you a "fat sheep?"
5. What is our responsibility as representatives of God to hold leaders in our world accountable? How can we do that more effectively?