

Lectio Divina

- **Read and re-read**, out loud and slowly the Gospel
 - **Meditate** on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life
 - **Pray** - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition
 - **Action** – Attitude (Call to change / to act / to do)
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April 29th 2012 **4th Sunday of Easter – Year B – John 10:11-18**

In this week's gospel we read of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Good shepherds are very important because they are willing to lay down their lives for their sheep and go in search of the one that is lost. Whatever happens their sheep also touches them. Then there is the hired man who is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him. He runs for cover at the first sign of the wolf and the sheep run in many directions.

Note the times on our lives when we are good shepherds aware of all our flock because we know Jesus loves them all. There are also times when we act as the hired man not taking responsibility but just being in charge for the honour and glory and take flight at the first sight of the wolf leaving our sheep to run all over the place.

Prayer:

Lord we thank you for the good shepherds in our lives who have led us in safety knowing that Jesus is concerned about all his sheep.

Forgive us for the times that we may have taken on the role of the hired man just because we need to have authority and power over your flock or because it gives us a good sense of well being.

Help us to be good shepherds to all your sheep because you care for them all and have given us the responsibility with your help to lead safely back to you in your kingdom.

