# God Knows Your Name

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### **JOHN 10:1-8**

#### SERMON OUTLINE FOR MAY 11, 2014

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John 10:1-8

INTRODUCTION: Tax forms & other "nameless number games" . . .

- I. JESUS SAID HE IS OUR SHEPHERD & HE KNOWS US BY NAME
  - A. A word of comfort: You are intimately known & loved by God (John 10:11,14)
  - B. A word of challenge: Reach out to sheep not yet safely in the flock (v. 16)
  - C. The church <u>does not exist</u> just to "throw a party for ourselves" each Sunday

#### II. JESUS SAID -

"I LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR THE SHEEP"

- A. A word of comfort: Jesus' death is our life (John 10:11-15)
- B. A word of challenge: <u>We are not to be</u> "hired hands" who care only for ourselves (vv. 12-13)
- C. Imagine how our church & any church would be revitalized when we see ourselves NOT as hired hands but as <u>Jesus' under shepherds</u> for the sake of other sheep
- D. Consider the image: *Two children safe with you on the beach & one child drowning in the waves*...
- E. Two simple requests today:
  - **1.** Ask God to lay on your heart the name of 1 person to reach out to in Jesus' name
  - **2.** Do it

CONCLUSION: *My trip to Life Lab without my health card #....* 

[You're not just a # . . . God knows your name!]