

SERMON OUTLINE – APRIL 22, 2018

You're a Name, Not a Number (John 10:11-18)

- INTRODUCTION: <u>Nameless</u> number games at stores, hospitals, provincial & federal government...
- 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 does not exist 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: We are not to be "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 Jesus' under shepherds 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 a Life Lab without my health card number...

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