1. (v.1-6) Being a shepherd of God is all about the care and feeding of His sheep and pursuing them when they stray. It’s much more than merely leading them, and requires constant living out among the sheep to do a good job – not requiring the sheep to come to them.

2. (v.7-10) The effects of false shepherds have far-reaching repercussions in that their weakening the flock from the inside induces weakness to attacks from the outside.

3. (v.11-16) Christ’s example of what service to God is supposed to mean was revealed when He went out directly to feed and heal the people rather than bring them centrally to the Temple.

4. (v.17-22) There is never a situation where we are not accountable for the quality of our love to, and service for, others.

5. (v.23-24) There is no room for both a false shepherd and the Great Shepherd.

6. (v.25-31) The ultimate work of the Great Shepherd still to come is the spiritual reconciliation of the whole flock of Israel.