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Reading:

April 28 Mt 18; Lk 10

May 5 John 7-10

Come, Follow Me:

Housekeeping

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Come, Follow Me:

Prayer: Humble, gentle, loving to ourselves and others

Devotional: Human nature and who we love (we love ourselves,  
those like us, those we resonate with, spiritual practice to care about  
everyone as we do our family members, point of “ward family”).

Practice: honestly name, nurture relationships, practice reaching, my experience ministering)

Nugget: John and the synoptics

Messenger becomes the message

Synoptics: The kingdom of God is like...

John: I am (like)/ I am

(note the pattern: Jesus testifies of his identity, most don't believe, few believe, strong dualism heightened by irony)

"Messenger becomes the message"

Synoptic gospel

Reading Review (The juxtaposition of Good Samaritan and John is striking, "Go and do likewise" vs. "You are children of the devil/you are not my sheep")

Matthew 18

On Greatness

Causing others to stumble (Effective communication, Socrates filters: True? Kind/Good? Useful/Needed?)

Parable of the Lost Sheep (effort helps us feel value, deeper meaning that we appreciate home/safety after we have been lost)

Judging a Brother or Sister

Forgiveness

Parable of unforgiving servant

Luke 10

Mission of Seventy

Woes on Galilean Cities

Return of Seventy

Parable of the Good Samaritan

Mary and Martha

John 7

Jesus' Siblings do not believe

Feast of tabernacles

Is this the Christ?

Attempt to arrest Jesus

Living Water

Is this the prophet?

Follow up on attempted arrest

John 8

Women caught in adultery

Light of the world

I am from above

Jesus declares, I am

John 9

Man born blind (detailed, entertaining story)

Pharisees interrogate blind man (cast out of the synagogue)

Blind man believes

John 10

Good Shepherd (Jesus is gate, door, shepherd)

Jesus rejected at fest "I and the father are one"

Participation and challenge: Who do you have a hard time loving?  
(story of Grace, my siblings) growth through prison and hospice (I like hanging out with smart people like me, who are interested in what I have to say)

**Lesson** (Theme: How we treat ourselves and others, who is in, who is out)

Jesus as Water of Life and Light of the World (self-sufficient spirituality, renewal, perspective, see the big picture, acceptance)

Sin and stones

The truth will set you free

Doors and shepherds

Sheep questions: Commentators struggle with leaving the 99 (had to bust out my massive commentary for this one). Are they safe in the fold? Does the shepherd just abandon them? (at least they would have the safety of the group). The parable is striking, and emphasizes

the value of each person... with the twist, surprise! The sheep is a soul. We need to carefully pay attention to those who have a supportive flock, and those who wander alone.

Yes, it does seem sheep recognize the voice of their shepherd, we have record of pet names for sheep, etc.

(we need boundaries and boundary maintenance, healthiest approach are boundaries with love, humility, compassion, forgiveness, excommunication as example)

Communication and conflict (Matthew 18) (humble confrontation, D&C 121, prison lessons)

Real message of the Good Samaritan (Why did the priest cross the road?)

Loving, flexible tribalism, family of choice (lost sheep and "you are not my sheep, Matthew, Luke, and John's perspectives)

Preview: Path to crucifixion (Luke 12-17; John 11 (Lazarus) )

Conclusion: Choosing light, life, love.