

# CHURCH IN REGINA

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It is not as hard to see the “doing” aspect of shepherding. When we consider the matter of shepherding, **our focus might be on what we need to do.** Admittedly, shepherding does involve our doing. **But we must realize that everything we do should be according to the heavenly vision.** Our shepherding should be according to such a vision.

Actually, **shepherding is for the working out of God’s eternal economy.** Without shepherding, God’s economy has no way to be worked out. Shepherding is one of the greatest subjects in the Bible, but it is possible that our consideration of this subject is limited only to the practice of shepherding. Hence, we need to **be calibrated** by a clear vision of shepherding according to God’s economy. We also need to **be constituted** with the adequate experience and enjoyment of Christ. When we go to shepherd someone, what do we go to shepherd them with? Do we go simply with our zeal and our good heart? As the outline for this message helps us to realize, **we must shepherd people with Christ.** The practice of shepherding is not simply a matter of doing something. We indeed need the practical carrying out of shepherding, but at the same time, I believe the Spirit knows how much we still need to be perfected in the matter of shepherding according to God. Our shepherding should **not be according to someone’s instruction, encouragement, motivation, demand, or requirements.** Rather, it must be according to God.

**Do we realize that God is a Shepherd?** In Psalm 23:1 David says, “Jehovah is my Shepherd.” God has the **disposition** of a shepherd. He loves to shepherd His people. If we consider the key persons that God raised up in the Old Testament, such as Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, and David, we will realize that they all were shepherds.

In Ezekiel 34 Jehovah rebuked the leaders of Israel, who were supposed to shepherd God’s people but instead were just taking care of and feeding themselves. God was angry with them, and He spoke some strong words to those so-called shepherds. They were not doing the right thing. God was very concerned for His flock, His sheep, because they were being mistreated by those who should have been shepherding them. In verse 15 Jehovah says, “I Myself will shepherd My flock, and I will cause them to lie down.” The leaders of Israel were unfaithful and selfish; they were shepherding themselves rather than shepherding God’s flock. Thus, Jehovah declared that He Himself would shepherd His flock.

In the Gospels we see that **God became a man to shepherd His people.** In John 10 Jesus said, “I am the good Shepherd” (vv. 11, 14). Our God is a Shepherd, and the whole Bible reveals the matter of shepherding. Without shepherding, there is no way for God’s economy to be fulfilled. Hence, I hope that we all will **realize how great the matter of shepherding is** in the Bible. **Shepherding is not only something divine; it is also very human.** We need to render the Lord the proper cooperation. We should not try to shepherd people merely in a human way. **We need the proper constitution of Christ in our being** so that we can shepherd others according to God.

Brother Lee helped us to realize that shepherding according to God is one of the three main factors that will bring in the new, ultimate revival before the Lord returns. I believe that the Lord will bring us into this kind of shepherding for His coming back. He will complete what He has begun. He has brought us to the highest peak of the divine revelation. He has showed us the proper God-man living. Now, **He must perfect us in the matter of shepherding according to God so that a new revival can be brought in before our Lord returns** (Excerpts from The Ministry of the Word, vol. 29, no. 07, pp. 254-273).

*Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
~ Matt.28:19*

## Church Announcements:

1. Prayer Mtg by area – Mar 17
2. YP Conference in Calgary on Mar 27 to 29. Registration deadline – Mar 15
3. Gospel Tract Distribution by area – Mar 15
4. Brothers’ Mtg – Mar 22
5. Combined Prayer Mtg – Mar 31

## Conferences & Trainings

1. Chinese-Speaking Conference – Feb. 13-15 Anaheim CA USA
2. Spring ITERO – Mar. 20-22 Anaheim CA USA
3. Memorial Day Conference – May 22-25, Dallas TX USA
4. Summer Training – Jun. 29-Jul.4 Anaheim CA USA
5. Fall ITERO – Sept. 24-26 Amsterdam Netherlands
6. Thanksgiving Conference – Nov. 26-29 Denver CO USA
7. Winter Training – Dec. 21-26 Anaheim CA USA

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## PRAYER BURDENS:

1. Lord, make us proper shepherds – such ones who cherish and nourish Your flock. Save us from our pitiful, fruitless condition that we would bear fruit, feed Your lamb, shepherd Your sheep, and feed Your sheep.
2. We need You as our Chief Shepherd to teach us how to shepherd one another. Save us from unnecessary talk and vain knowledge. Give us a discerning spirit that we may shepherd others according to the Spirit.
3. Lord, we cannot care for others without Your life, Your presence, and Your clear leading. Constitute us more with Yourself that we would spontaneously live a shepherding life and learn how to minister life to others.
4. Thank You for laying down Your life for us to lead us back to Your flock as our good Shepherd. Continue to perfect us that we would do what is well-pleasing in Your sight. Thank You for caring for our inward being as the Overseer of our souls.
5. Lord, we want to be revived. We want to be those who feed people, shepherd people, and flock people together. Make us one with You that our shepherding would be Your shepherding through us and not of our own.
6. Save us from seeking our own glory, thinking more highly of ourselves but simply caring for Your one flock. Stir in us a genuine concern for the Body and tend to the weaker ones. Cause our shepherding to minister life.

### North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Pray for the short-term shepherding trips and migrations to French-speaking Europe. Please pray that the Lord will increase the team of full-time serving ones in Paris to take care of the Lord's needs throughout French-speaking Europe.
2. Pray for the Young People's Conference in Calgary on March 27 to 29. Gain a fresh group of young people who will be useful, open vessels, even vessels unto honour for Your sake and for the future of the Lord's Recovery.

### Local Burdens:

1. Pray for the purchase of the meeting hall.
2. Pray for the continuing shepherding of the newly baptized college students – Chiara, Matthew, Prisca. May the seed sown in them grow and may they see the church and the purpose of God in this age.
3. Pray for positive and immediate approval of the permanent resident immigration papers of Alforte and Gonzales families.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

- ✓ Lord's Table & Prophesying—Lord's Day 10:00-12:00PM
- ✓ Prayer Meeting—Tuesdays 7:00-8:00PM
- ✓ Chinese-Speaking Bible Reading—Mondays 7:15-8:15PM
- ✓ College Meetings—Fridays 6:30-8:30PM
- ✓ YP Meetings—Sundays 4:00-5:30 PM
- ✓ Children's Meeting—Saturdays 10:00-11:00AM
- ✓ Small Group Meetings—Fridays/Saturdays 7:00-8:30PM