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The Doctrine of the Church
"The Flock of God"
Ezekiel 34:1-16

THE IMAGE	THE TRUTH
Body	Unity
Building	Indwelling
Bride	Intimacy
Flock	**Provision**
Garden	Union
Family	Identity
Priesthood	Service

God's Word often refers to the church as a flock of sheep that require nutrition, protection, and direction.
Nutrition ---- spiritual feeding
Protection ---- spiritual warfare
Direction ---- spiritual vision

1. NUTRITION *verses 1-4* Christ's primary directive for Peter as an undershepherd was to "feed my sheep" (John 21:15-17)

- to teach
- to preach
- to correct
- to rebuke

2. PROTECTION *verses 5-8* Christ's expectation of the leaders of God's people is to protect them from the devouring animals (1 Peter 5:8)

3. DIRECTION *verses 6 and 14-16* Christ's desire is for his flock to have guidance (Proverbs 29:18)

- in searching for the lost
- in bringing back the strays
- in binding the injured
- in strengthening the weak
- in destroying strongholds