

Under The Fig Tree Ministries presents:
"Shepherd Leadership – Learning to walk
in the Shepherd's Sandals"
Israel - Jordan Study Tour
with George DeJong
July 6-14, 2014



- Day 1 International Travel (July 6)
- Day 2 Timnah: Contrasting Shepherds
- Day 3 In the Shade of the Shepherd
- Day 4 Aaron the Shepherd Priest
- Day 5 Moses the Shepherd Prophet
- Day 6 The Valley of the Shadow
- Day 7 David the Shepherd King
- Day 8 International Travel Home

SHEPHERD LEADERSHIP – “LEARNING TO WALK IN THE SHEPHERD’S SANDALS”

It is interesting how God evaluates leadership in the Bible – Israel’s prophets, priests and kings are measured as either good or bad shepherds. So strong is the Shepherd metaphor that Jesus describes himself as “The Good Shepherd” and while one may think they know what a shepherd is, few in leadership have spent any time with either an actual shepherd or sheep. On this trip that will change, we will begin to learn to “walk in the Shepherd’s sandals”!

Our experience begins in the wilderness of Paran, southern Israel, where our study centers on the dramatic contrast between the great shepherd of Egypt, Pharaoh, with that of God’s shepherd, Moses. Then to Petra, Jordan, where we take an in depth look at shepherd leadership firsthand. Participants will be partnered with a shepherd and his flock for an entire day (2 or 3 participants per flock) to “see with our eyes & hear with our ears”. The goal is to discover why the image of shepherd is so distinctive to God and why He so prizes “good” Shepherd leadership. That evening we regroup around a campfire to share and process our experiences and prepare for our study of Israel’s Shepherd Leaders: Aaron the “shepherd” priest, Moses the “shepherd” prophet, David the “shepherd” king, and Jesus our Good Shepherd.

The following day our study involves climbing Mt. Hor where Israel’s first high priest Aaron was “gathered to his people”. Then north to climb Mt. Nebo where Israel’s greatest prophet Moses died. The following day will be hiking Wadi Arnon and our study: “Leadership through the Valley of the Shadow”. We travel next to Jerusalem and a study of “a man after God’s heart”; David, the Shepherd king of Israel. Our time culminates on the Mt. of Olives and a study of Jesus where we wrestle with the implications of Good Shepherd’s leadership; the one who lays down his life for his sheep and the implications for our leadership in our homes, churches, and the marketplace.

- Itinerary is subject to change
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