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### ***Pentecost 3 Year A, June 14th 2026***

***Presenter: Rev Prof Bill Loader***

***Focus Reading: Matthew 9:35 – 10:8***

**Message:** 8 minutes 25 seconds

*"Like Sheep Without a Shepherd"*

### **Discussion Starters**

1. What caught your interest in this presentation?
2. How does this relate to YOUR faith journey?
3. What light do you think this passage sheds on how you see and work with leaders in YOUR church?
4. What does it mean to do what Jesus did in YOUR community?

### **Readings for this day**

**Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7)** God promises a son to the elderly Sarah and Abraham. Sarah laughs, but God reiterates the promise. (v18:14)

**Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19** "I love the Lord because he hears my requests..." (v1). The poet offers thanksgiving because God has responded to his cries for help.

**Romans 5:1-8** "Hope doesn't put us to shame..." (v5). Jesus has compassion on a needy crowd, who were "troubled and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd" (9:36). He preaches and performs many healings, sending the disciples out to do the same.

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### **Intergenerational Talk**

*"Finding the Lost Sheep"*

**Rev Prof Bill Loader**

**Length:** 5 minutes 25 seconds

### **Precis of IT**

<https://billloader.com/LostSheep.pdf>

A story written by Bill about the need to search out the lost sheep. Every sheep (person) is important. We need others around us to help find what needs rescuing when in trouble so they can fulfil their purpose.

**Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19– pages 333-334**

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