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Solemnity of Christ the King, Year A
Scripture: Ezekiel 34:11-12

The feast of Christ the King offers a deeply comforting image of God as the Good Shepherd. The people of Israel were scattered, wounded, and abandoned because their leaders had failed them. Rather than care for the flock, the shepherds looked after themselves. In response, God makes a remarkable promise: "I myself will search for my sheep."

This shows the very heart of God: He is neither distant nor unconcerned. When His people are lost, He seeks them out. When they are scattered, He brings them together. When they are hurt, He restores them. God is aware that His people are scattered. Some have gone astray, others have lost heart, and some have suffered injustice and neglect. Still, God does not abandon them. This message is important to us today. At times, we stray from God through sin, selfishness, pride, hatred, and indifference. Moreover, many people today are scattered by family conflicts, poverty, sickness, war, unemployment, broken relationships, and loss of hope. Others have drifted away from God and the Church. Yet God promises to seek out His people, gather them, and bring them home.

In conclusion, let us thank God for being our Shepherd. May we allow Him to find and guide us, and may He give us hearts that seek the lost, welcome the wounded, and rejoice when others return to Him. Amen.

