



Bible study on readings for Easter 4 (Vocations Sunday)

If you are discussing these questions with anybody else, make sure they know your name, and tell them briefly what (if anything) you had for breakfast today.

Acts 4. 5-12

The 'prisoners' referred to in the New Testament reading were the Apostles Peter and John, who had annoyed the authorities by teaching the people in the precincts of the Temple and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead. They were arrested and put in prison overnight.

1. As they stood 'in the dock' before the authorities the following morning, what was the characteristic of Peter's reply which made it so effective?
2. What is the explanation given in this reading as to why this was so?
3. How does that explanation relate to anyone exercising a calling of any sort in the church today?

John 10. 11-18

1. In this illustration given by Jesus, what is the difference of behaviour between an ordinary shepherd and the good shepherd?
2. How would you apply these words of Jesus to someone who is called to exercise the role of a shepherd in the church in the UK today?

