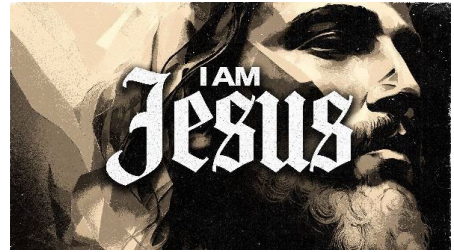


“The Good Shepherd”

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I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. John 10:11

I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber! John 10:1 NLT

The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. John 10:10 NLT

FOUR CHALLENGES OF BEING A SHEEP

1) SHEEP GET _____ EASILY.

Isa 53:6 “All we like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way.”

2) SHEEP ARE _____.

3) SHEEP ARE VERY _____.

4) SHEEP ARE _____.

WHAT DOES THE GOOD SHEPHERD DO?

- HE _____.

Ps 23:1 “The Lord is my shepherd.”...“He guides me along the right paths^[1-3] for his name's sake.” Psalm 23:3

The gatekeeper opens the gate for [the shepherd], and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.⁴ After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. John 10:3-4 NLT

- HE _____.

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,³ he refreshes my soul... Psalm 23:1-3

- HE _____.

¹⁷Blessed is the one whom God corrects; so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty. ¹⁸For he wounds, but he also binds up; he injures, but his hands also heal. Job 5:17-18

No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. Hebrews 12:11

- HE _____.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23:4-6

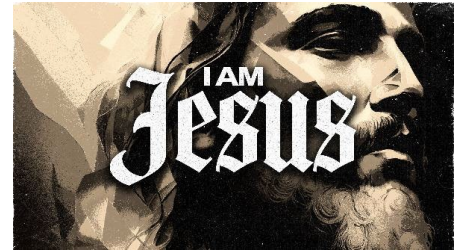
Verse 5, "You prepare a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. You anoint my head with oil. My cup overflows."

Verse 6: "Surely your goodness and love will follow me, overtake me, all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders⁶ and goes home... Luke 15:4-6

Life Group Discussion Notes

As the Good Shepherd, Jesus guides us, provides for us, corrects us, and protects us.



Key Questions:

What's one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this idea grab your attention?

How have you experienced the challenges of being like a sheep?

Where in your life might you need God's guidance and protection?

Read and discuss John 10:1-21, Psalm 23:1-6, and Job 5:17-18.

Describe a time when God provided for you during a time of need. How did that experience affect your relationship with God?

How do you know when God is guiding you?

Describe a time when God corrected you. How did you respond to His correction?

What steps can you take to become even closer to the Good Shepherd so you can hear His voice?

Next Steps:

What's one thing you will do this week as a result of something you learned from this message?