

I AM the Good Shepherd Derek Sanford March 19, 2017

Life Group Discussion Questions:

- 1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, is there a particular point you recall that caught your attention or you found challenging or confusing?
- 2. Read **John 10:10-21**. The big idea is: Because Jesus is the Good Shepherd, we are His. If possible, watch this You Tube video together: https://youtu.be/e45dVgWgV64 -- How do the sheep respond to the shepherd?
- 3. Discuss these questions on page 17 in your study guide: In what ways does Jesus speak to us today? What are some of the "voices of strangers," the other things we turn to for guidance or comfort when life gets hard? What keeps us from hearing Jesus and how can we hear Him better?
- 4. Pastor Derek gave 5 reasons Jesus is a Good Shepherd. He...1) KNOWS you personally; 2) GUIDES you reliably; 3) SATISFIES you generously; 4) INCLUDES you mercifully; 5) DIED for you sacrificially. Which of these reasons means the most in your life right now and why?
- 5. **Read Psalm 23** and list some things the Good Shepherd does for you. How does this bring you comfort?
- 6. **Read John 10:15**. Derek asked us to write in the margin there a sentence upon which, he says, eternity hangs: "Jesus died for me." **Read I Peter 2:24 and John 10:17, 18**. When is the last time you worshiped Jesus just for dying for you? Take some time to share memories of how you found salvation in Christ (see pg. 19 in study guide) or share some things that hold you back from Him.
- 7. At the end of the service Pastor Derek led us in a time of confession and directed each of us to ponder: Do you need to 1) Listen to the Shepherd? 2) Follow the Shepherd? 3) Surrender your life to the Shepherd? If you're willing, share with your group what your response was so you can pray for one another.

Next Steps: a) Recommit to spending time each day in God's Word using your devotional guide as a tool b) Continue to prayerfully surrender your pivotal sacrifice

Prayer Time: Following the ACTS method, Ask the group to: A – ADORE or praise Jesus for being the Good Shepherd. Next: C—CONFESS ways you have not been listening to or following Jesus, then: T—THANK Jesus for laying down His life for you, His sheep, and, finally: S—SAY WHAT YOU NEED and ask Jesus to help you listen, follow, and fully surrender to Him.