



I AM Jesus

GraceYouth Week 2

Good Shepherd

March 3, 2021

### Ice Breaker

If you could choose to be one animal what would it be and why?

### Big Idea

Because Jesus is the Good Shepherd, you belong to Him.

### Scripture Questions | John 10:10-18

1. What words or phrases stick out to you in this passage?
2. What does Jesus mean when He said that He will lay His life down for the sheep?  
Answer: Jesus would lay down His life, which He did on the cross, to save His people, much like a shepherd would defend His sheep from attackers or animals.
3. What are some differences between the hired hand and the shepherd? In other words, what is the difference between following Jesus and following something/someone else?  
Answer: Jesus leads to life, joy, and peace; and anything else leads to a worldly life and not an eternal one.
4. What do you think Jesus means when He said that He knows His sheep and His sheep know Him?  
Answer: There is a closeness between Jesus and His followers (personal relationship).
5. Who are the other sheep that Jesus referred to in verse 16?  
Answer: Other people who follow Jesus outside of the people we know (Jesus was referring to bringing the Gospel to the Gentiles in this verse. Jesus is the Good Shepherd of Jews and Gentiles).

**Leader Note: Before talking about the application questions, open up your Bible to Psalm 23, and read the whole psalm to your students with their eyes closed so that we can get a better idea of what the Good Shepherd does for us. Feel free to go into discussion about Psalm 23 as well.**

### Application Questions

1. What does Jesus being your Good Shepherd mean for you?
2. There was a closeness and a personal relationship between a shepherd and His sheep. Do you feel that closeness with Jesus or does He seem like a faraway impersonal figure?
3. If Jesus, our Good Shepherd, has laid His life down on the cross for us so that He could raise it back up then what should our response be?



4. Do you find yourself following and listening to Jesus as your source of truth in this life or something/someone else (hired hand)? Do you have one foot in with Jesus and your other foot in the world? If so, what needs to change?
5. Jesus said that every sheep of His belongs to His one flock. What do you think about that? Do you view another Christian with frustration, jealousy, etc.? If Jesus said that we are united in Him, what should our response be to these people?
6. Do you belong to the Good Shepherd?

### **Next Step**

We need to remember that as Christians we belong to Jesus. We are one of the sheep in His fold. But, we must remember that many times we struggle with that idea. It may feel like Jesus is faraway, we may sometimes just go our way instead of following Jesus, we stop listening to Jesus, etc. Evaluate where you are at when it comes to Jesus as your Good Shepherd and respond.

**I need to listen to Jesus-** Our lives are busy and crazy. Are you taking the time to slow down to spend time with and listen to Jesus? Are you taking the time to read His Word, pray to Him, and maybe journal what He is speaking to you? Commit to slow down and listen to Jesus daily.

**I need to follow Jesus-** Many times, we know what Jesus is calling us to do, but we just don't do it! We spend time with Jesus and feel close with Him; but we aren't putting our faith into action. What is Jesus asking you to do? Write that thing down and commit to following Him.

### **Prayer**

Pray that we would continue to seek to be close with Jesus. Pray that we would follow closely and be able to hear His voice.