

Study Guide  
Led – Week 2 (07/07/24)  
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**Key verse for this series:**

*For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.*

Romans 8:14 (NLT)

Pastor Eddie opened this week's message with an update on the Dear Lodge Pastoral Retreat Cabin, located in Celina, TN. When people ask to stay at this cabin, they are told to enter the address into their GPS before they leave their homes, because cell service becomes less available as you get closer to the cabin.

Finding the cabin is not hard to do as long as you know when and where to turn (it is only 2 turns off of the main highway), and the same can be said of the Christian life:

Finding God's plan for our lives is not hard to do when we know where and when to turn.

**Read James 4:13-15 and Philippians 3:13-15.**

**Do you try to plan out your life goals, or do you focus on striving toward God's goal for you? What are some of the things (sometimes good things) that can distract you from God's plan?**

Eternity will not remember your pain, and the memory of how they mistreated you will not be allowed in heaven. Refuse to allow it to disrupt any more time you have here on earth – let it go and finish well.

LAST WEEK WE DISCUSSED THE FIRST POINT OF THIS SERIES:

- 1) We must always remember: God has a specific plan for our life, and that plan never ends. It's vitally important for us to find that plan, follow that course, and finish our race.
  - a. **Read Ephesians 2:10.**

However, we also learned there are times God's plan requires sacrifice, and it brings discomfort.

**Read Acts 20:22-24 and 1 Corinthians 16:5-9.**

**What types of sacrifice/discomfort did Paul mention/experience in these passages?**

THIS WEEK, WE ARE LOOKING AT THE SECOND POINT OF THIS SERIES:

- 2) Just because God has a plan for our life, doesn't mean we will automatically walk in it, we have a part to play. God will graciously lead, but we must willingly follow.

Romans 8:14 (NLT)

*For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.*

Notice what the Lord **did not** say in this verse:

The Lord did not say, “Every child of God is led by the Spirit of God.”

**Have you always listened when you felt led by the Spirit of God?**

**Have you ever thought you were following the Spirit of God, but found later you “missed it”?**

If we can learn to recognize His tugging and willingly follow, we can be led by the Spirit of God – for God desires to lead us in all things.

John 10:1-5 (NLT)

*<sup>1</sup>“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! <sup>2</sup>But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They won’t follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don’t know his voice.”*

**Read John 10:1.** (The “sheepfold” refers to humanity)

**How did Jesus gain influence within/over humanity (see Luke 2:1-6)?**

**How did Satan gain influence within/over humanity (see Genesis 3:1-6)?**

**Read John 10:2.** (Jesus is the only legitimate Shepherd of the sheep)

**Why is Jesus the only legitimate Shepherd (leader) of the sheep (humanity)?**

**Read John 10:3-4.** (Jesus wants to lead us, and we need to learn to follow)

**Have you heard the voice (leading/calling) of the Shepherd in your life?**

**What is an area where you need to trust that Jesus “walks ahead” (vs. 4) and simply follow?**

**Read John 10:5.** (Strangers will try to distract us, and we must know the difference)

**How can you make the voice of the True Shepherd more familiar, so you aren’t led astray?**

1 John 4:1-3 (NKJV)

*Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.*