



Weekend Resources

March 1, 2026

"I Am the Good Shepherd"

Use these questions and resources during your study time or with your group.

RECAP: Every culture is telling a story - about who we are, why we're here, and what really matters. We take our questions to the culture around us, and listen for answers. But who is telling you the truth? Where do your deepest beliefs come from? In a world full of noise and competing voices, Jesus makes bold, clear claims about who He is—and what real life looks like.

MAIN POINTS

- Everyone is being shepherded by someone or something, your shepherd is whatever you trust to lead, protect, and secure your life.
- Bad shepherds feed on the flock, they take, scatter, and abandon when trouble comes (Ezekiel 34).
- Jesus is the Good Shepherd, He knows you by name, leads you, and lays down His life for you (John 10).
- Self-shepherding exhausts and distorts us, being shepherded by Jesus leads to rest, trust, and peace (Psalm 23).
- A practical pathway: Follow (audit the voices you follow), Like (become like the Shepherd), Subscribe (belong, listen, surrender).

GETTING STARTED

- When you feel stressed, out of control, or anxious, what do you naturally reach for to feel secure?

SCRIPTURE

- [John 10:1-18](#); [Ezekiel 34:1-16](#); [Psalm 23](#); [Isaiah 53:6](#); [Matthew 9:36](#)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- In John 10, what contrasts does Jesus make between the Good Shepherd and other voices (thieves, hired hands)? What stands out most to you?
- Ezekiel 34 gives a diagnostic of bad shepherds. Which descriptions feel most recognizable in modern life (not just leaders, but systems, habits, "voices")?
- Jesus says His sheep listen to His voice (John 10:27). What are the most common voices shaping your thoughts and emotions week to week?
- The message claimed: the quality of your life is directly connected to who (or what) is leading it. Do you agree, why or why not?

APPLICATION

- Where are you most tempted to self-shepherd (money, control, success, image, approval)? What is one simple way to surrender that area to Jesus?
- Audit your follows: name one voice you should reduce (or unfollow) because it consistently produces fear, anger, division, or distraction from Christ. What replacement practice will you choose?
- What would it look like this week to follow Jesus concretely (one specific act of obedience, trust, or courage)?