

True North ~ week 2

Jesus is the only way you will find True North.

Magnetic North / Direction this world naturally pulls you.

True North / Direction Jesus wants to guide you.

John 10:11 “I am the good shepherd.”

John 10:10 “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

1. To appreciate Jesus as the Good Shepherd, we have to understand our roll as sheep.

Facts about Sheep:

- Sheep **wander** away and get lost easily.

Isaiah 53:6 (NLT) “All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God’s paths to follow our own.”

- Sheep lack **discernment** and get in trouble regularly.
- Sheep **follow the flock**, even to their own demise.
- Sheep **scare** easily. They are fearful and anxious.
- Sheep are **defenseless** without a Shepherd.

2. Understanding we are like sheep; we realize our need for a Shepherd.

3. How is Jesus our Good Shepherd?

John 10:11-16 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.”

- **He is always PRESENT.**
- **He always GUIDES.**

Psalms 23:1-3 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake.

- **He always PROVIDES.**

Psalms 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

Psalms 23:4-6 Even 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. You prepare a table for me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life...

Psalms 23:2 He makes me lie down in green pastures,

- **He always PURSUES.**

Psalms 23:6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life...