

# **BIBLE STUDY GUIDE: “THE GOOD SHEPHERD”**

*(John 10:11 – Jesus Our Shepherd)*

Source:

---

## **BIG IDEA**

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who lovingly leads, protects, and ultimately lays down His life for His sheep—offering us guidance, security, and eternal life.

---

## **THEME**

**Trusting the Shepherd Who Leads, Loves, and Sacrifices for Us**

---

**CONTEXT (Historical + Biblical Setting)**







- Found in **John 10:11**, where Jesus describes Himself as the Good Shepherd.
  - Shepherd imagery was common in biblical times:
    - Shepherds led, fed, and protected sheep
  - Jesus builds on this image to show:
    - His deep care
    - His sacrificial love
  - This connects with:
    - Psalm 23 (*“The Lord is my shepherd...”*)
- 

## **MAIN POINT 1: JESUS IS OUR GOOD SHEPHERD**

### **Key Scripture**

- John 10:11 – *“I am the good shepherd.”*
- Psalm 23:1 – *“The Lord is my shepherd...”*

### **Teaching Insight**

- Jesus is not just:
  - A shepherd
- He is:
  - The **Good Shepherd**
- His goodness means:
  - Perfect care
  - Faithful leadership

- Unconditional love

## **Application**

- Do you see Jesus as your Shepherd?
- Are you allowing Him to lead your life?

## **Sticky Quote**

**“Jesus doesn’t just guide you—He cares deeply for you.”**

---

## **MAIN POINT 2: THE GOOD SHEPHERD KNOWS HIS SHEEP**

### **Key Scripture**

- John 10:14 – *“I know my sheep...”*
- Psalm 139:1 – *“You have searched me, Lord...”*

### **Teaching Insight**

- Jesus knows:
  - Your struggles
  - Your fears
  - Your past
- His knowledge is:
  - Personal
  - Intimate
- You are not:

- Forgotten
- Overlooked

## **Application**

- Do you believe Jesus truly knows you?
- How does that impact your relationship with Him?

## **Sticky Quote**

**“You are fully known and fully loved by your Shepherd.”**

---

## **MAIN POINT 3: THE GOOD SHEPHERD LEADS AND GUIDES**

### **Key Scripture**

- Psalm 23:2–3 – *“He leads me...”*
- John 10:27 – *“My sheep listen to my voice...”*

### **Teaching Insight**

- Jesus leads:
  - To peace
  - To provision
  - To purpose
- His voice:
  - Guides us
  - Directs us

- We must:
  - Listen
  - Follow

## **Application**

- Are you listening for Jesus' voice?
- What direction is He leading you?

## **Sticky Quote**

**“The Shepherd’s voice leads you to life.”**

---

## **MAIN POINT 4: THE GOOD SHEPHERD PROTECTS**

### **Key Scripture**

- John 10:12–13 – The hired hand runs away
- Psalm 23:4 – *“I will fear no evil...”*

### **Teaching Insight**

- Jesus:
  - Stands firm
  - Doesn't abandon His sheep
- He protects us from:
  - Spiritual danger
  - Fear
  - Destruction

- His presence brings:
  - Security
  - Confidence

## **Application**

- Where do you need God's protection?
- Are you trusting Him in fear?

## **Sticky Quote**

**“The Good Shepherd never runs—He stands and protects.”**

---

## **MAIN POINT 5: THE GOOD SHEPHERD PURSUES THE LOST**

### **Key Scripture**

- Luke 15:4 – The lost sheep
- Ezekiel 34:11 – *“I myself will search for my sheep...”*

### **Teaching Insight**

- When we wander:
  - Jesus pursues us
- He:
  - Leaves the 99
  - Seeks the one

- His love is:
  - Relentless
  - Personal

## **Application**

- Have you wandered from God?
- Can you feel Him calling you back?

## **Sticky Quote**

**“You can run—but the Shepherd will come after you.”**

---

## **MAIN POINT 6: THE GOOD SHEPHERD SACRIFICES HIS LIFE**

### **Key Scripture**

- John 10:11 – *“Lays down his life...”*
- Romans 5:8 – *“While we were still sinners...”*

### **Teaching Insight**

- Jesus:
  - Chooses to die
  - Gives His life willingly
- This is:
  - The ultimate act of love
- His sacrifice:
  - Secures eternal life

## **Application**

- Do you understand the depth of His sacrifice?
- How does that change how you live?

## **Sticky Quote**

**“The Shepherd didn’t just guide you—He died for you.”**

---

## **MAIN POINT 7: THE GOOD SHEPHERD PROVIDES ETERNAL LIFE**

### **Key Scripture**

- John 10:28 – *“I give them eternal life...”*
- John 3:16 – *“Whoever believes...”*

### **Teaching Insight**

- Jesus offers:
  - Life now
  - Life forever
- Eternal life is:
  - Secure in Him
- Nothing can:
  - Separate us from His care

## **Application**

- Are you living with eternal perspective?
- Do you trust Him with your future?

## **Sticky Quote**

**“The Shepherd leads you into forever life.”**

---

## **MAIN POINT 8: WE ARE CALLED TO FOLLOW AND TRUST**

### **Key Scripture**

- John 10:27 – *“They follow me.”*
- Proverbs 3:5–6 – *“Trust in the Lord...”*

### **Teaching Insight**

- Being a sheep means:
  - Following
  - Trusting
  - Depending
- We don’t lead:
  - He does
- Trust is:
  - Essential to the relationship

### **Application**

- Are you following or trying to lead your own life?
- What step of trust do you need to take?

## **Sticky Quote**

**“Peace comes when you let the Shepherd lead.”**

---

## **GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What does it mean that Jesus is the Good Shepherd?
  2. How does Jesus care for His sheep?
  3. Where do you need His guidance right now?
  4. How have you experienced His protection?
  5. What does His sacrifice mean to you?
  6. How can you follow Him more closely?
- 

## **PRACTICAL CHALLENGE**

- Spend time listening for God’s voice today.
  - Trust Him with one area you’ve been holding onto.
  - Share His love with someone who needs it.
- 

## **FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT**

You are not alone.

You are not forgotten.

**You are led by the Good Shepherd.**

---

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

Father,

Thank You for being our Good Shepherd.

Help us trust You, follow You, and rest in Your care.

Remind us of Your love and sacrifice.

Guide us into the life You have for us.

In Jesus' name, Amen.