

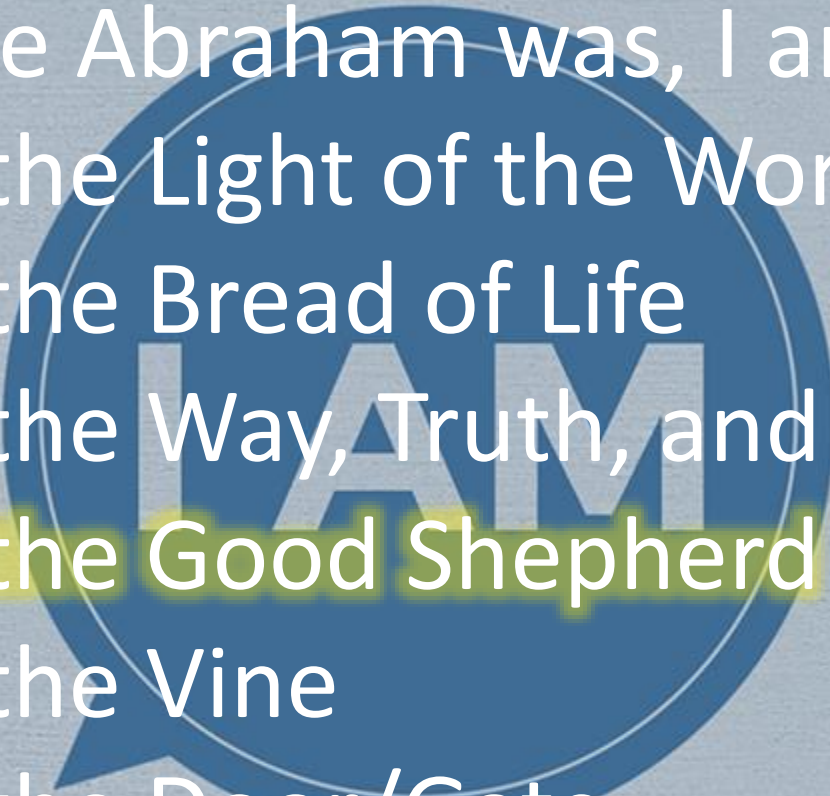
JOURNEY together



**Disciples
growing together
in small groups**



Jesus in His own Words

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- Session 1 – Before Abraham was, I am
- Session 2 – I am the Light of the World
- Session 3 – I am the Bread of Life
- Session 4 – I am the Way, Truth, and Life
- Session 5 – I am the Good Shepherd
- Session 6 – I am the Vine
- Session 7 – I am the Door/Gate
- Session 8 – I am the Resurrection & Life

Step 1: GET REAL

What are you thankful for from the past week?

What struggles did you face?

What can you share from your personal Bible reading?

Where did you see God in your daily life?

Share about a teacher or youth leader who made a difference in your life.

Share about the worst boss you ever had.

Step 2: GET FED

John 10:11-21

Make a list of the qualities of “the Good Shepherd” and another list of the “hired hand”.

How is the concept of the Good Shepherd the foundation of Jesus being the door for the sheep (Jn 10:1-10)

Ezekiel 34:2-6, Matthew 9:36

According to these passages, what would happen to sheep who did not have a good shepherd or worse a bad shepherd?

Describe some of the difficulties you faced during a time when you experienced life without a shepherd or a bad shepherd.

How might your small group help in the healing of these experiences?

Step 2: GET FED

Psalm 23, Isaiah 40:10-11, Ezekiel 34:11-16

According to these passages, what does the Lord say He is going to do for His flock as the Good Shepherd?

In John 10, Jesus basically describes Himself as the Shepherd in fulfillment of the Psalms, Isaiah, and Ezekiel passages.

- What do you think that meant for the Jews at that time?
- What do you think it means for the world now?
- What does it mean for you?

Describe some changes in your life since Jesus became your Good Shepherd?

Step 2: GET FED

Romans 8:35-39, 1 Peter 2:25

According to these passages, what can separate us from God's love?

How would you describe the strength of God's love for you?

What are some things from your past that you think are just too much for God to handle or to love?

What steps do you think you need to take to better trust and depend on Jesus as the Good Shepherd and allow Him to shepherd you in only ways He can?

I AM

Step 2: GET FED / dig deeper

John 21:15-19

What does Jesus appoint Peter to do?

What do you think Jesus meant when He asked Peter these questions?

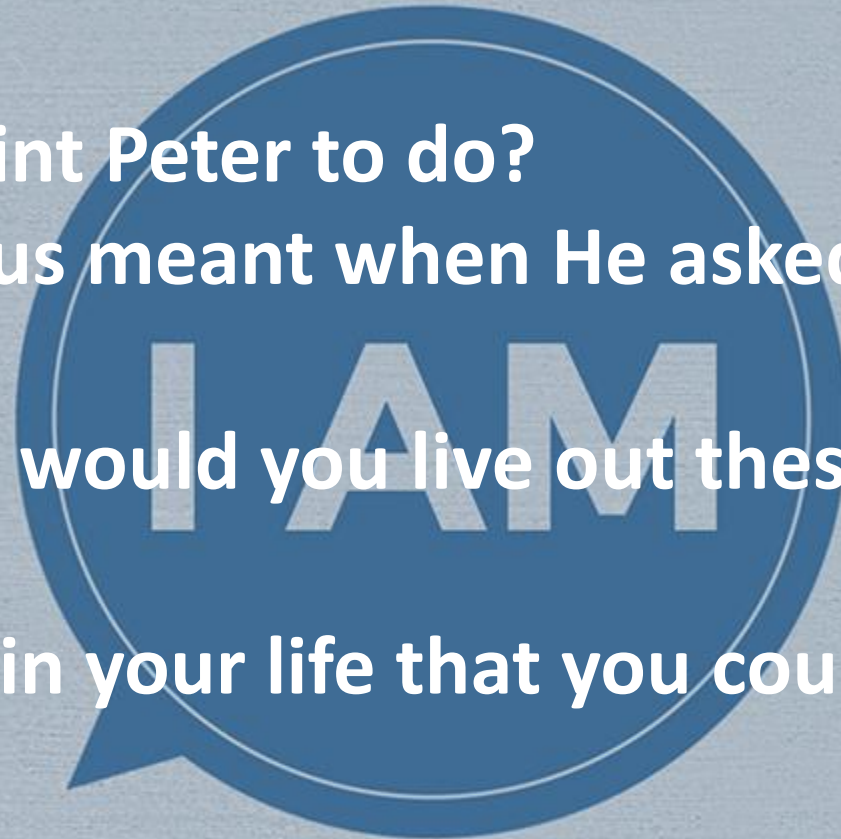
If you were Peter, how would you live out these instructions that Jesus gave you?

Share about someone in your life that you could shepherd and care for?

What difference do you think you could make in that person's life?

How have you felt when someone has come alongside and cared for you?

How does living out these verses show God's love to the world?



Step 3: GET ACTIVE

Ask yourself:

How is God your shepherd?

How are Jesus' words the truth you need for your life?

How are you allowing Jesus to guide you in paths of righteousness and beside still waters?

How are you allowing Him to shepherd you into holiness and transforming you to be more like Him?

Take time this week to pray. Write out some of the things that keep you from being shepherded by God (even if they are “good things”).