



Community Group Guide

The Good Shepherd

“My Shepherd”

Week of August 2

Check-in

1. What lessons did you learn from your time in the Word this week?
2. Who did you share the gospel with?
3. What has God done in your life that's encouraging over the past week?

Scripture

Read *Psalms 23:1*

Key Point From Message

- When we embrace the shepherd we are offered: Love, Identity, Security, Hope, Joy, and Purpose

Other Scripture Referenced: *John 10:11; Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:17; John 10:27-30; Revelation 21:5; 1 Peter 1:8-9; Hebrews 13:20-21*

Discipleship Group Framework

D-group discussions in smaller gender-specific groups help to reveal our blind spots to sin. If this week is a D-group week, the discussions should be focused on confession of sin, providing accountability, and encouraging each other to live in the gospel. Focus on the questions under the “Discover” section and how this week’s Scripture relates to our lives.

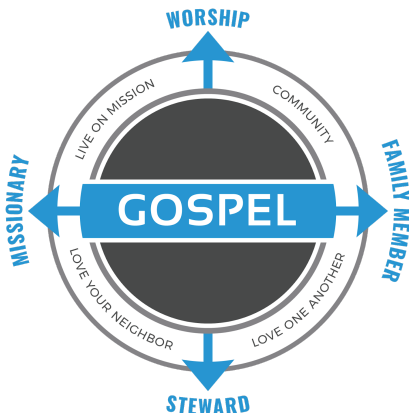


Image Church Core Values

When the gospel defines our lives it should impact everything we do. Living by the gospel should cause us to:

- Grow towards God through daily worship
- Love one another by gathering as family members
- Mobilize as missionaries for God’s kingdom
- Be more generous stewards as we leverage our time, talents, and treasures for Christ.

As we study and discuss the text from this week evaluate how you can grow in each of these four areas.

Discover

1. What stands out to you in this passage of Scripture?
2. What does the text say about the character and nature of God?
3. What does the text say about the work of God?
4. What does the text say about our identity?
5. How does this change the way we live?

Deepen

1. What challenged you about this week's message?
2. Looking at your everyday life, do you act like you are your own shepherd or a sheep being led by God?
3. Which of the six truths discussed do you need to embrace?
4. How can you demonstrate the six truths discussed in the message to those around you.

Action Step

Do you view God as a Good Shepherd or just a way to get what you want? Do you believe that Jesus is all that you need? If we truly believe that Jesus is all we need, we should live generously with our time, talents, treasures, careers, etc. Evaluate if there is an area of your life where you are not generously living as if Jesus is all that you need. Share this with your community group so you can hold each other accountable.

For next week read Psalm 23

Memory Verses

¹The Lord is my shepherd; I have what I need.

²He lets me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside quiet waters.

³He renews my life; he leads me along the right paths for his name's sake.

⁴Even when I go through the darkest valley, I fear no danger, for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶Only goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I live."

-Psalm 23:1-6 (CSB)
