



Community Group Guide

The Good Shepherd

“Unfailing and Unending Love”

Week of September 6

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?
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Scripture

Read *Psalm 23:6*

Key Point From Message

- God is the one who pursues us with goodness and faithful love.
- You cannot change the capacity of God's love toward you.
- You have access to the unfailing and unending faithful love of God through Christ.
- Challenge: Are you compelled by the love of God?

Other Scripture Referenced: *Psalm 27:4*

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.

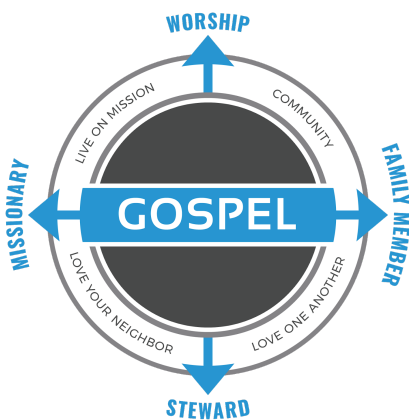


Image Church Core Values

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. How has God pursued you with goodness and faithful love?
3. When someone is going through a difficult time, how would you explain to them that God is pursuing them with goodness and faithful love?
4. When you sin, do you feel guilt and shame or do you feel the goodness and faithful love of God? How can you remind yourself of God's *hesed* in these moments?
5. We no longer have to go to the temple to seek God like David did. We have unlimited, direct access to the Holy Spirit since He is ever-present in us. What do you find most helpful to remember that Christ is in us and tune your ears to His voice? Alternatively, what walls have you intentionally or unintentionally put up to block out His voice in your life?

Action Step

Are you compelled by the love of God? This was the questions that we ended the series with. Take a moment to reflect on the last month of your life. If someone looked at your life would they say you are compelled by the love of God? Discussed with your group what may still be keeping you from believing and embracing the unfailing and unending love of God. Also discuss with your group where God is calling you to help others realize His faithful love.

For next week read *Hebrews 4:12*

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)
