

# Dependent like lambs

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## SMALL GROUP NOTES

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### Scripture

John 1:19-34

Exodus 12 verses 1-13

Genesis 22 verses 6-14

Romans 8 v32

Psalm 23

**Note for leader: The questions and notes are structured to lead into a time of worship and prayer and the preacher would recommend that format.**

### Outline

- Have you ever meet someone famous, perhaps a hero of yours? What were your expectations of them and did they live up to those?
- Read the passage in John 1:19-34
- How must people have felt hearing John the Baptist's proclamation "make straight the way of the Lord"?
- Would the description of Jesus as the Lamb of God have been what people were expecting?
- Read Exodus 12 verses 1-13. What in this passage is described a sign? What does this passage mean for us as we 'behold the Lamb of God'?
- Read the story of Abraham's call to sacrifice Isaac in Genesis 22 verses 6 – 14. Abraham promises that God will provide the lamb, but does he? Where is the lamb?
- How is God asking us to lay things down before him in our lives? Do we struggle to depend upon him and trust his goodness?
- God provides for Abraham a ram, but ultimately he does provide the Lamb by sending his beloved Son. Romans 8 v32 says "He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?"
- In the gift of Jesus God passes over our sins and shows his lavish, gracious provision for us. Before worship, read through Psalm 23 and declare to the group that we say these words united with Jesus the Lamb of God.