



Discipleship Guide

Sermon: I Am A Child Of God

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John 10:11–16; Galatians 3:23–29 | Pastor John Zayas

Key Scriptures

John 10:11 –

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

Galatians 3:26 –

“So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.”

Key Takeaways

1. We Are Known and Belong to the Shepherd

Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd who knows His sheep and lays down His life for them. Our identity begins with being known, protected, and deeply loved by Christ—not earned, but given.

2. We Are Children of God Through Faith

Galatians reminds us that we become God’s children through faith in Christ, not by the law or performance. Our belonging is rooted in grace, not status, background, or achievement.

3. We Are United and Growing Together

In Christ, divisions fall away. God forms one family—growing in faith, maturity, and unity under the care of the Good Shepherd.

Discussion Questions

- What stands out to you about Jesus as the Good Shepherd?
- How does knowing you are God's child through faith shape your identity?
- Where do you sense God inviting you to grow or trust Him more?

Personal Reflection

- Do I live as someone known and cared for by the Shepherd?
- Where might I still rely on performance instead of faith?
- How is God calling me to grow within His family?

This Week's Practice

- Read John 10 and Galatians 3 slowly this week.
- Pray daily, "Jesus, lead me as my Good Shepherd."
- Practice trusting God in one area where you usually try to control.

Truth to Carry

**You are known. You are gathered. You are loved.
You are a child of God.**

5-Day Devotional | Pastor John Zayas

John 10:11–16; Galatians 3:23–29

Day 1: Known and Belonging

Reading: John 10:14

Devotional:

Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd who knows His sheep. Your identity begins with being known and claimed by Him. You belong to God not because of effort, but because the Shepherd chose you and laid down His life for you.

Reflection:

Where do you struggle to believe you are fully known and loved by God?

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for knowing me and calling me Your own. Help me rest in belonging today.

Day 2: Protected by the Shepherd

Reading: John 10:11–13

Devotional:

The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. Unlike fear-driven living, life with Christ is marked by trust and protection. You are not abandoned—you are cared for at great cost.

Reflection:

What fears do you need to place in the Shepherd's care?

Prayer:

Good Shepherd, help me trust Your protection and care over my life.

Day 3: Children of God Through Faith

Reading: Galatians 3:26

Devotional:

We become children of God through faith in Christ—not by rules, status, or background. Faith anchors us in grace and invites us into God’s family, fully accepted and secure.

Reflection:

Where are you tempted to rely on performance instead of faith?

Prayer:

God, thank You that I am Your child through faith alone. Strengthen my trust in You.

Day 4: One Family, One Shepherd

Reading: John 10:16; Galatians 3:28

Devotional:

Jesus gathers one flock under one Shepherd. In God’s family, divisions fall away. We are united as children of God, learning to walk together in love and maturity.

Reflection:

How can you reflect unity and grace within God’s family this week?

Prayer:

Lord, help me love others as part of Your family and walk in unity.

Day 5: Living as God’s Children

Reading: Galatians 3:27–29

Devotional:

As God’s children, we are invited to live clothed in Christ—growing, trusting, and following the Shepherd’s voice. Maturity flows from knowing who we are and whose we are.

Reflection:

What step of faith is God inviting you to take as His child?

Prayer:

Father, continue shaping me as Your child. Lead me as I follow You with faith and obedience.

Reflection Questions for the Week (I Am A Child Of God)

1. What does it mean for me personally to be **known and cared for by the Good Shepherd**?
2. Where in my life do I need to trust Jesus' protection instead of giving in to fear or control?
3. How does being a **child of God through faith**, not performance, reshape how I see myself?
4. In what ways can I live more intentionally as part of **God's one family** this week?
5. What step of faith is the Shepherd inviting me to take as I grow in trust and maturity?
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Prayer Prompt

Good Shepherd, thank You for knowing me, calling me, and laying down Your life for me. Thank You that through faith in Christ, I am a child of God and fully belong to Your family. Help me trust Your voice, rest in Your care, and follow where You lead. Where fear or striving has taken root, replace it with faith and confidence in Your love. Shape my heart to grow in maturity, unity, and obedience as I walk with You. Amen.