## THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING... PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need.

He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.

Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.

You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies.
You honor me by anointing my head with oil.
My cup overflows with blessings.

Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

## **MORE THAN A WALK**

Psalm 23:1

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The LORD is... MY SHEPHERD

John 10:6

Those who heard Jesus use this illustration didn't understand what

he meant,

Remember you aren't the <u>HERO</u> of the story! We are always the <u>SHEEP</u>

John 10:7-10

so he explained it to them: "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to them. Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

JESUS is the entry to TRUE LIFE!

John 10:11-13

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don't belong to him and he isn't their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock. The hired hand runs away because he's working only for the money and doesn't really care about the sheep.

JESUS is the ultimate **SACRIFICE** 

John 10:14-15

"I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep.

KNOWLEDGE + RESPONSIBILITY = TRUST

John 10:16

I have other sheep, too, that are not in this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They will listen to my voice, and there will be **one flock** with one shepherd.

JESUS is salvation for **EVERYONE!** 

John 10:17-18

"The Father loves me because I sacrifice my life so I may take it back again. No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded."

Jesus is LIFE

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HE is Jehovah-Jireh -The Lord will PROVIDE

## Talk it over:

- 1. Is the LORD your Shepherd? What does that mean to you?
- 2. Read John chapters 9&10. What are some of the things that stick out to you as you read this?
- 3. How would you rate your willingness to trust God? 1 = I just can't & 10 = anything, anywhere, any time Explain
- 4. Who can you talk to this week to share the gospel of Jesus... the good shepherd who provides!