



"I AM – THE GOOD SHEPHERD"  
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### INTRODUCTION

A hired hand tends the sheep for money, while the shepherd does it for love. The shepherd owns the sheep and is committed to them. Jesus is not merely doing a job; He is committed to love us and even lay down His life for us.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

#### YOU CAN TRUST JESUS AS YOUR GOOD SHEPHERD

1. **READ John 10:11.**

- a. What is the role of a shepherd? And why is his job so important?

#### JESUS CARES FOR YOU. HE KNOWS YOU.

2. **READ John 10:12-15**

- a. Who do you think is represented as "the hired hand"? Why is it important that the shepherd *knows* his flock?

3. **READ John 10:16-18**

- a. Who are the other sheep?  
b. Look at verse 18 and discuss why can Jesus can make such a bold statement.

#### JESUS LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR YOU

4. **READ Ezekiel 34:7-16**

- a. God promises to take over as shepherd of His scattered flock. What promises to you see in these verses?

5. **READ Ezekiel 34:23-24**

- a. Who is God going to send? Do these verses comfort you? If so, how?

### CHALLENGE

What areas of your life are you struggling to trust Jesus as a Good Shepherd? This week, spend some time reflecting on how Jesus knows you, cares for you and laid down His life for you.

### COMMIT TO MEMORY

*I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep."*

**John 10:14-15**

### PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Share prayer requests, and commit to praying for one another until you next meet.