



Part 5: The Good Shepherd

One of the great metaphors God used with the Jewish people was that of a shepherd and sheep. Over and over again, he refers to his people as “sheep” and to himself as their “shepherd.” Though he was a carpenter by trade and training, Jesus declares that he is “the good shepherd.”

Bottom Line: Jesus is your Good Shepherd who gave his life for you.

Discussion Questions:

1. What person or group did you and your friends “follow” when you were a teenager?
2. What role does a shepherd perform for a flock of sheep? What are his responsibilities?
3. **Read John 10:11-18.** What is the most repeated phrase in these verses? Why do you think Jesus repeated it again and again?
 - a. **Read John 10:18; 19:8-11; 8:23; 19:28-30.** Taken together, how do these verses impact your understanding of Jesus? Your response to him?
4. **Read John 10:16.** What do you think Jesus means by saying that he has “other sheep” to combine into one sheep fold under one Good Shepherd? What could you do to work toward the unity of all Christians? Toward unity at Journey?
5. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus gave his life for us in a unique way that can’t be duplicated. However, we can imitate him. How can you put others ahead of yourself to “give your life” for someone else (see **Philippians 2:4-8**)?
6. As the Great Shepherd (**Hebrews 13:20-21; 1 Peter 2:25; Ezekiel 34:11-16**), how could you better cooperate with how he is wanting to lead you?
7. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
8. How can the group pray for or encourage you this week?