



# The Good Shepherd

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*"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."* —John 10:11-18

## BIG IDEA

I need a good shepherd, and Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

## OUTLINE

What makes Jesus the Good Shepherd?

1. Jesus cares with substitution (vv. 11-13).
2. Jesus leads with knowledge (vv. 14-15).
3. Jesus gathers with diversity (v. 16).
4. Jesus rules with power (vv. 17-18).

## REFLECT

- Consider all the circumstances in which you need someone else's help. Now consider how much more you need Jesus, the Good Shepherd, for all your spiritual needs.
- The Good Shepherd intimately knows every one of his sheep, including you. What does this mean for the struggles you face that no one else understands?
- Be reminded of Christ's sacrifice for you and his resurrection from dead for you.

## PRAY

- Pray that God would make you increasingly aware of your ongoing spiritual need for the Good Shepherd.
- Ask God to help you feel and experience the comforting and reassuring truth that your Good Shepherd knows you.
- Pray that God would help you love brothers and sisters who are different than you.

## DISCUSS

- How does seeing yourself as a sheep and Jesus as the Good Shepherd help you understand who you are in relation to who he is?
- How does Jesus' substitution for you inform your faith? Your love for God? Your love for others?
- How does Jesus bring unity to people of different backgrounds, different generations, different likes and dislikes, different ethnicities, etc?