

I Am the Good Shepherd

Week Four

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Talk About

- What images come to mind when you think about a shepherd? What might be a modern equivalent?
- What characteristics would we find in a good shepherd versus a bad shepherd?

Read Ezekiel 34:1-6, 10.

Talk About

- To whom is God referring when He says “shepherd” and “flock”? What charges is God bringing?
- How did the shepherds’ neglect affect the sheep? How will God respond because of their failures?
- What does God promise for the future?

Read John 10:11-18.

Talk About

- With Old Testament scriptures in mind, how might the religious leaders have considered Jesus’ claims?
- From verses 15-18, how did Jesus know that He would die for His sheep? What showed His willingness to sacrifice Himself for His sheep?
- What difference does it make to you that Jesus did not die as a helpless victim, but willingly, for you?
- In John 10:27-28 Jesus says, “My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow Me. I give them eternal life and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.” How does this affect you?

Respond

- Read 1 Peter 5:1-4. How might today’s study impact you when called to “shepherd” God’s sheep?
- During the coming week, read Ezekiel 34:11-16 and compare it with Psalm 23.