

Defining Jesus - Week 1

Main Idea

Jesus is the good shepherd because he laid down his life for his sheep.

Starter

What is something you are looking forward to this summer?

Discuss

What is a challenge in your life right now we can pray for? (2-minute version)

Spend some time praying for each other before you jump into the discussion for this week.

Scripture

Read [John 10:1-21](#) and discuss:

- What does this passage show you about Jesus and what He wants for your life?
- In your own words, how would you describe what it means for Jesus to be the “good shepherd”?
- On a scale of 1 to 10, how “abundant” would you say your life is right now? Why?
- What is a way you need to trust Jesus as the good shepherd in your life right now?

Apply

Pick someone to read [1 Peter 2:21-25](#) to lead into a couple minutes of silent reflection and prayer. Give everyone time with God to reflect on their “take-away” from the group today. Then, come back together to share:

1. What is your “take-away” from the group today? (A Biblical truth you need to embrace or step of faith you need to take in your life)
2. How can we pray for you this week?

Spend some time praying for each other to experience the peace and purpose that comes from trusting Jesus as the good shepherd of your soul.

Family Conversation Question

This week, spend some time talking with your family (this could be your spouse, your kids, or your brothers and sisters in Christ) about the following question:

- Do you always trust Jesus to guide, protect or provide for you? What area of your life can you trust Him more this week?