

## SERMON-BASED STUDY: I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

**John 10:10-16, 22-28, ESV** – <sup>10</sup> *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.* <sup>11</sup> *I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.* <sup>12</sup> *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.* <sup>13</sup> *He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.* <sup>14</sup> *I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,* <sup>15</sup> *just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.* <sup>16</sup> *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.*

<sup>22</sup> *At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter,* <sup>23</sup> *and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon.* <sup>24</sup> *So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."* <sup>25</sup> *Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me,* <sup>26</sup> *but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep.* <sup>27</sup> *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.* <sup>28</sup> *I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.*

### Notes:

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### QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

### ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 How does Jesus' willingness to lay down His life for the sheep contrast with the hired hand who abandons the sheep? What does this reveal about His love and motivation?

2 What does abundant life look like? How do you experience it?

3 How can we live with confidence knowing we are held in His hand?

## DIGGING DEEPER

A **Psalms 23:1-6, ESV** – <sup>1</sup> *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.* <sup>2</sup> *He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.* <sup>3</sup> *He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.* <sup>4</sup> *Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.* <sup>5</sup> *You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.* <sup>6</sup> *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

4 How does understanding God as a shepherd change your view of your relationship with Him?

5 In what ways do you find yourself acting like a sheep and in need of a shepherd's guidance?

6 When have you experienced God leading you to *green pastures* and *still waters* (rest, provision, peace)?

7 What is the significance of the rod and staff in providing comfort and protection?

8 What does it mean that God prepares a table for you in the presence of your enemies?

## TAKING IT HOME

This week, we learned that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who provides for us, protects us, and prospers us. Where in your life do you struggle to trust Jesus as your Good Shepherd? What specific truth from Psalm 23 will you focus on or live out this week? Spend some time in prayer, asking God to show you what next steps you need to take in your faith journey.

## PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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## FOR FURTHER STUDY

Psalm 91:4  
Proverbs 3:9-10  
Isaiah 41:10  
Jeremiah 29:11  
Matthew 6:33  
Philippians 4:19