

True North: Week 2

Discuss Guide

Discuss:

- Read each of the seven “I Am” statements in [John 6:35](#) (bread), [8:12](#) (light), [10:7](#) (door), [10:11](#) (Good Shepherd), [11:25](#) (Resurrection), [14:6](#) (Way, Truth, Life), [15:1](#) (True Vine).
- The Hebrew name for God is YHWH. Translated it is “I AM.” What are the implications of Jesus’ claim in John 8:58 (Read [8:54-59](#))?
- What are the characteristics of sheep you see in yourself or others around you?
- Read [1 Peter 5:4](#). To those who tend to a flock of sheep, what is God’s promise to his faithful shepherds?
- Jesus claimed to be the good shepherd. What do bad shepherds do? [Ezekiel 34](#) has a good description, what is your personal experience?
- What are the wolves in your life that you need a Good Shepard to protect you?
- In your past, share of a time where God comforted you when you were being attacked by a wolf?

Other Passages:

- Psalm 95:7 “For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.”
- Isaiah 40:11 “He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms.”
- Here are other passages where Yahweh is a shepherd.
 - Genesis 48:15; Psalms 28:9; 78:52; 79:13; 80:1; 107:41; Ecclesiastes 12:11; Isaiah 40:11; Jeremiah 31:10; Ezekiel 34:15; Zechariah 9:16

Apply:

- Ashley identified four ways that Jesus is a good shepherd: He is present, He guides, He provides, He pursues. Which of these is most important to you right now?

- Jesus said his sheep hear his voice. What area of your life do you need to listen to him more carefully?
- Read [Revelation 3:20](#). The Good Shepherd is always there for us, what do we need to do this week to hear his voice and open the door?
- What are ways that we can allow our Good Shepard to “make me lie down in green pastures?” Is there a way we as a group can help make that happen?

Prayer:

Read aloud together [Psalm 23](#) as a prayer. Have one-person close, thanking God for being such a good shepherd and identifying 2-3 attributes of his care for us.