

1. It's time to find out who the best sheep impersonator is in the group. Have each person one by one give their best sheep impression. Judge who the best "BAAAAA"-er is. Give them the sticker attached to this card as a prize. They are the GOAT sheep (get it? He he he)
2. Ask the group if anyone has a great story about being lost. Have them share their stories (you can share one too).
3. Open up the group with prayer. Pray that God would show our group more about who He is through what we talk about and share about tonight.
4. Choose 3 people in the group to answer this question: When we mess up, why do you think our first reaction is to run away and hide from God?
5. Read John 10:11-15 out loud for the group.
6. Jesus referred to Himself as a Good Shepherd. Split up into groups of 2 and have each group come up with 3 reasons why they think Jesus might have chosen to compare himself to a shepherd. Set a time for 3 minutes for them to discuss, then come back together and have each group share what they came up with.
7. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS AS A GROUP: Do you think the "Good Shepherd" is different from the way most people see Jesus? Why? How do most people see Jesus?
8. Read John 10:3-5 out loud for the group.
9. Jesus says the "sheep" follow him because they know and trust his voice. What are three practical ways you can learn to hear and trust the way of Jesus? (TRY TO GO DEEPER THAN JUST "READ THE BIBLE" or "PRAY". Talk about committing his Word to memory on a regular basis, or committing to praying 3 minutes a day by setting alarm each day, or finding a specific song to listen to that reminds you or who Jesus is.
10. Have the group stand in a circle and put your arms on each other's shoulders. Close out the group in prayer. Pray that Jesus would be your good Shepherd. Pray that you will follow where He leads. Ask God to watch over your group as you leave this week. At the end, have everyone say "AMEN" together.