



## Growth Groups: Week 6 (10/22-26)

**Confession:** What do you need to confess? (Here are some questions to help you examine ways you might not be believing the Gospel).

- Where have you made much of yourself and little of God?

**Learning:** What are you learning?

- What are you reading in the Bible? What did you learn about God? What did you learn about the Gospel?
- How is consistency?

**Accountability:** How can your Growth Group hold you accountable this week?

- This ties in with the confession questions. This is a practical way to walk together to identify sin and pursue sanctification together.
- How can your Growth Group help point each other to the Gospel daily? Come up with practical ways to follow through.

**Prayer & Praise:** How can we pray for you? What are you praising God for?

**Scripture Memory:** **John 10:11** – “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

### John 10 - The Good Shepherd

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.” These words were as well-known to Jesus’ audience as they are to us today. The Bible teaches that Yahweh is a Shepherd and His people are His sheep. It was promised: “He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young” ([Isa. 40:11](#)). God also promised through the prophet Ezekiel: “I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep...I will seek the lost,

and I will bring back the strayed...And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd.” ([Ezek. 34:15-23](#))

Simultaneously, there were false shepherds and wolves in sheep’s clothing ruling Israel at the time of Jesus. The Pharisees, the chief priests and the Levites were “whitewashed tombs,” whom Jesus challenged in their hypocrisy ([Matt. 23:27](#)). Instead of leading the people in the right way, feeding them and protecting them, they lead deceptively and oppressively.

Lost like sheep without a shepherd, Israel finds Jesus offering Himself as the Good Shepherd. Jesus claims to be One with the Father and the great Shepherd whom they need. He is the seed of David, the King of Israel.

**Read John 10:1-20 together & summarize it**

**Discuss on the text:**

- What are the characteristics of a good shepherd?
- Discuss what each of these characteristics tell us about Jesus.
- How are thieves and robbers recognized?
- Give an example of how a modern leader might do these things?

**Application:**

- How do you learn to tell the difference between the Good Shepherd’s voice and the voices of imposters?
- What does Jesus mean when he says, “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly?” (John 10:10)