



## Sunday Morning Grow Groups

*Week of May 12th, 2019*

### ***The Great Shepherd***

#### **Welcome**

- Please add your name to the roster and get a name tag.
- Help yourself to food and coffee in the hallway.

#### **Announcements**

- **Last Connect Hour** will be on May 19th. We will be thanking and recognizing all those who help make Sunday morning Grow Groups possible. We will spend the first 10-15 minutes gathered together in fellowship and then continue with our normal groups.
- **Vacation Bible School** will be from June 10th-14th. The theme is "Blast off to Mars!" We will be discovering where God's power can take us. To sign up (3 years old-entering 5th) go to [pmlcyouth.org/VBS2019](http://pmlcyouth.org/VBS2019). To volunteer (entering 6th-adult) go to [pmlcyouth.org/2019VBSVolunteers](http://pmlcyouth.org/2019VBSVolunteers)
- **Summer Worship** begins on June 2nd. Worship will be at 8:30am and 10:00am

#### **Connecting with Each Other (9:50 - 10:00am)**

*If there are new people to get to know, spend some time introducing yourselves.*

- Are you someone who likes to follow the instructions when assembling furniture or someone who likes to "wing it?"
- What is the first thing you remember being taught?
- Who is someone you look up to?

#### **Digging Deeper and Turning to the Texts (10:00 - 10:40am)**

Last week Pastor Kate preached about the 3 commands Jesus gave to Peter during their breakfast on the shore. Jesus told Peter to feed the lambs, tend to the sheep, and follow him. This conversation and this meal changed Peter's life and made him realize that he truly is a disciple who is called to love and care for not only Jesus but all he interacts with.

This morning we hear about Jesus as our Shepherd. This is one of Pastor Kate's favorite lessons to teach to the KidsConnect children because they all understand what it is like to be led by someone else. Whether that be a teacher, coach, parent, grandparent, relative, pastor, or someone else- they grasp the concept of guidance and the comfort that goes along with the fact that there will always be someone there to lead us along the way.

Lucky for us, we not only have people to lead and guide us but we also have Jesus. We are his flock, and he calls us into the direction that we are supposed to go. Jesus knows us for who we are. There is something comforting about knowing that our leader knows everything about us, but loves us anyways.

This morning we will be spending time focusing on the people that God has put into our lives to guide us along our faith journey.

### **John 10:22-30** (New Revised Standard Version)

22At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, 23and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. 24So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." 25Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; 26but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. 27My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. 28I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. 29What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. 30The Father and I are one."

### **Reflection Questions:**

- What sticks out to you from this gospel reading?
- Who was one of your shepherds as a kid? As an adult?
- Are you currently a shepherd to anyone?
- Where do you hear God's voice in your life?
- Do you think of yourself as being one with God? Or separate? Why?
- Has God ever kept you waiting in suspense? When?
- How does it help you to know that Jesus knows everything about you, even the things overlooked by others?

### **Psalms 23** (New Revised Standard Version)

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

2The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.

3You restore my soul, O Lord,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

4Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

### **Reflection Questions:**

- What sticks out to you in this Psalm?
- How many of you have heard this Psalm? Do you remember the first time you heard it? Where were you?
- God preparing a table for us in the presence of our enemies is a powerful thought. Have you ever experienced this?
- When have you felt God shepherding you in your life?
- We find comfort in the fact that God knows us. How can you help someone feel known this week?

### **Extra Activity:**

Listen to the song "Known" by Tauren Wells.

- What sticks out to you in these lyrics?

### **Taking It Home & Prayer (10:40 - 10:45am)**

Ask for any prayer requests and lift those up. Close by praying the Lord's Prayer together:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**