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FOLLOWING

week 3
THE GOOD SHEPHERD

TEXT

John 10 Psalm 23

TRUTH

Jesus will protect and lead us.

START HERE

Of your bosses, teachers, and coaches—tell the group about the ones you’ve enjoyed working with the most and what was so significant about them.

GO TO THE BIBLE

- Open up your Bible to **John 10** and read **verses 1-10**.
- In these times, sheep would be kept in a pen without a gate, and the shepherd would stand or even sleep in the opening to protect the sheep. What does that tell you about the shepherd?
- Check out **verse 10**. What are Jesus' motives?
- Continue on with **verses 11-21**. What does Jesus tell us about the way a good shepherd leads and cares for the sheep?
- Jesus uses two images in one story—the gate and the good shepherd. What do these have in common?
- Look at **Psalms 23** together. What does this passage say about how the shepherd takes care of us?

TALK ABOUT IT

- In your own life, what kind of leadership have you experienced when times were tough?
- Why do we want to follow a leader we can trust to protect us?
- When Jesus tells this story, he says 'I know my sheep and my sheep know me.' What does that say about what he wants with his followers?

WHAT NOW?

- Think about the people that follow you. What would it look like to lead them in a way that a good shepherd does?
- The good news of the Gospel is that in his great love for us, Jesus lived a life we can't live and died a death that we deserve. It was loving, sacrificial, humble, and life-giving. When this truth is real in our lives, it changes how we care for other people.
- Think through some action steps to take toward doing this better, and then do something to help you remember. Put a note on your mirror, a reminder in your phone, or even tell the group so they can ask you next week. The key is this: How can I better care for the people I lead? How can I better practice loving the people in my life the way that Jesus loves? Be specific!