

# The Good Shepherd

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### Scripture - John 10:10-16

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

### Discussion Questions

1. What does a rich and satisfying life look like to you? How does Christ help us to discover that kind of life?
2. Why do you think the Bible uses the image of a shepherd to describe the relationship between God and God's people?
3. What do you think is the importance of Jesus saying, “I am the Good Shepherd,” versus just saying, “I am the Shepherd”?

### Other References

Psalm 23, Psalm 80:1, Isaiah 40:11, Ezekiel 34:1-16, Luke 14:4-5

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