



Small Group Study Guide for May 12, 2019

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School

Theme: Jesus is the Good Shepherd who calls us by name. His sheep hear His voice and follow Him. Our Good Shepherd protects us and provides for us, and no one can snatch us out of His hand.

Getting Started:

1. Read Psalm 23 together as a group (make sure you have the same version!) as an opening prayer.
2. Take a moment to jot down the names of people that you would be able to recognize solely by their voice. After doing this individually, share with your group how many names you came up with, and who they were.
3. How do we recognize Jesus' voice to us today?

In the Word: Read John 10:22-30

4. Look at the first section of John chapter 10 (verses 1-21). This is known as the "Good Shepherd Discourse." Search for and identify the verses where Jesus says "I am the Good Shepherd" and "I am the Gate." And where Jesus says that he will "lay down his life for the sheep."
5. Verse 22 begins the second section of the chapter, that takes place in a different place and time than the first section. What is "the Feast of Dedication" (vs. 22) and where is "Solomon's Colonnade" (vs. 23).
6. The Jews in Jesus' day all had different ideas of who the Messiah/Christ would be and what he would do. To simply say "I'm the Messiah" would not have been all that clear. Jesus instead points to what as His answer to the question? (see verse 25)

7. What is the relationship between Jesus' sheep and faith/believing? (vs. 26-27)

8. What do you think Jesus means when He says, "No one can snatch them (my sheep) out of my hand?" Who would want to do this?

9. How is it then very comforting that Jesus says, "No one can snatch them out of my hand"?

10. What is the gift that our Good Shepherd gives to His sheep who believe in Him and follow His voice? (vs. 28. Also see Revelation 7:17)

Pulling it all together

11. Let's revisit the earlier question and see if there are any new insights from the text. How do we recognize Jesus' voice to us today?

12. We learn to recognize a person's voice by familiarity and frequency. How do we become familiar with Jesus' voice, and how frequently does this happen?

13. What are the other voices out there that try to steer us away from our Good Shepherd?

Prayer: Thank Jesus for being our Good Shepherd, and His gift of eternal life that we have in Him. Ask Him to help us discern from all the voices in this world that would lead us astray, to hear His voice above all others and to follow Him always.

Next Week: We will look at Revelation 21 and the promise of a new heaven and new earth, and the ultimate goal of God's salvation plan. Also remember our **Congregation Meeting** on **Sunday, May 19, 9:30 a.m.**