



# Small Group Study Guide for May 3, 2020

*Our Savior Lutheran Church and School*

**Theme:** Jesus is our Good Shepherd! We recognize the voice of our Shepherd who leads us to still waters and green pastures. While the world has many voices seeking to lead us astray, we heed the voice of our Good Shepherd, because He brings us life to the fullest.

## Getting Started:

1. Read by yourself or together aloud Psalm 23 to start.
2. What are the top things you miss doing right now during Stay-At-Home?
3. How have you seen God at work during these days? Share your God-sightings and any blessings the Lord has given you lately.

## In the Word: John 10:1-10

4. Jesus' discourse on the Good Shepherd immediately follows an amazing miracle. Look John Chapter 9 and summarize the story. Then read **John 9:35-41**. How do you think this situation relates to Jesus teaching about the Good Shepherd in chapter 10? Notice the wrap up to the story in 10:19-21.
5. Read **Jeremiah 23:1-6**. What does this Old Testament prophet say about the shepherds who were to care for the people of Israel, and what is coming? (note especially verse 4)
6. When Jesus talks about those who enter the sheep pen by the gate, or those who enter through other ways, He is referring to true shepherds and false shepherds. Those who do not enter by the gate are false shepherds – they are actually thieves and robbers. But those who enter through the Gate are true shepherds, and the sheep hear their voice. How does Jesus as the "gate" help us distinguish between true shepherds and false shepherds? (the Latin word for 'shepherd' is 'pastor')

7. Jesus was telling the Pharisees that unless they cared for the people through Him, the Gate, they were actually thieves and robbers. What do these thieves and robbers actually seek to do in verse 10?
  
8. Jesus then pivots in verse 11 by moving from “Jesus as the Gate” to “Jesus as the Good Shepherd.” He is the One that will ultimately shepherd God’s people. There is a strong connection between shepherd and kings in the Old Testament. Which famous Old Testament king started as a shepherd? (underline **2 Samuel 7:8** in your Bible)

### **Putting it Together**

9. What does it mean when Jesus says “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full”? Or, otherwise stated – what does a full life in Jesus look like?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. Finish this sentence: “Jesus gives me hope today because He...” Share your responses.

**Prayer:** Thanks the Lord for sending Jesus to be our Good Shepherd, and for sending under-shepherds who help us hear Jesus’ voice. Pray that the Lord would strengthen and sustain His flock as we go through this wilderness, leading us to the green pastures and still waters. Pray that many others would heed the voice of their loving Shepherd during these days.

**Next Week:** Jesus told his disciples that He was going to leave them for a time, but that He was preparing a heavenly home for them. We realize that we are pilgrims on a journey, and that heaven is our home!

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