



Small Group Study Guide for May 11, 2025

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School

Theme: Our Good Shepherd holds us close, and leads and guides us through our life. When we feel like we are falling, God's got us in His grip, and He will never let us go. We belong to Him and hear His voice!

Getting Started: (sharing with each other)

1. If you can't get a good grip on something, what tools or household items do you use to "get a grip"? These could be kitchen items, tools, sports, etc.
2. What are the qualities of a good shepherd that mirror the qualities that Jesus has as our Good Shepherd?

In the Word: Read John 10:22-30

3. The Feast of Dedication mentioned in verse 22 is referring to Hanukkah. What do you know about the Jewish festival of Hanukkah? (feel free to search on google to find some basic facts)
4. In **verses 25-26**, what is the distinguishing element that qualifies someone as Jesus' sheep?
5. How do we follow Jesus' voice today?
6. Looking at **verse 28 and 29**, whose hand are we in? (note: The answer is reconciling the two verses)
7. What important truth about the Trinity does **verse 30** tell us?

Putting it all Together (what do we believe or do as disciples?)

8. Jesus did miracles for all to see in His day. Some believed. Others did not believe. Faith is the critical factor here. Why do you think people then and now don't believe in Jesus as their Savior, even though He did so many miracles (including rising from the dead!)

9. Jesus speaks to us in the Word, through the Sacraments, and through the words of forgiveness in the Gospel. Pastors speak the Gospel publically on behalf of the congregation during worship services, etc. All Christians can speak the Gospel on a personal level and share words of forgiveness. Other than a pastor, who has spoken the Gospel to you lately, or shared encouragement and comfort from the words of Jesus? Did you hear Jesus' voice speaking through them?

10. There are many competing voices in our world today calling us to "follow them." There is greed, lust, power, popularity, science, politics, Hollywood, sports, etc. What are some of the louder voices calling us to follow them instead of our Good Shepherd Jesus? Can you give some examples?

11. When was a time when you sensed God having you "in His grip" and holding you tightly?

Prayer: Close by reading Psalm 23 aloud. Take prayer requests before you read the Psalm and then after the Psalm pray for those prayer requests.

Next Week: On the 5th Sunday of Easter, we hear Jesus' words to His disciples that their sorrow would turn to joy. We can rejoice in all things because Jesus lives!