

JESUS-OUR GOOD SHEPHERD John 10:1-18 *Follow Jesus* 5-7-17

Is the universe a friendly place? Jesus says: Yes & No

John 9 - A blind man is rejected b/c of faith in Jesus.

John writes to believers who find it hard to live their faith!

1. JESUS PROVIDES OUR SECURITY

*** Exploring Faith Relationships**

~ How do we know what faith to explore or follow?

~ People search for WHO to believe in w/ mixed results. **Ez.34; Jn 9**

*** Our Gate of Protection**

~ Jesus reveals himself as our Good Shepherd ... Listen for Jesus

~ If a belief system is not centered on Jesus, it's not safe ...hurts you!

~ I am the Gate! Enter faith thru him for spiritual security! We belong!

2. JESUS BRINGS US THE GOOD LIFE v.10

*** Jesus Deeply Loves Us v.11 & 14-15**

~ Gives his own life sacrificially for us. So the Father loves Jesus!

~ Cares deeply for us ... & is always w/ us!

~ Knows us like the Father knows him ... Grow close in his love for us!

*** Jesus Provides For Our Needs v.9**

~ Find pasture: Safe w/ God to live freely in this world

~ Trust ... Rest ... Satisfied in Jesus! **Ps. 23**

*** Jesus Gives Unity v.16**

~ Jesus unites believers together in him! Not afraid of threats. **v.28**

~ Trust in God's goodness w/ Jesus, our Good Shepherd. **Ps.23:6**

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Jesus Our Good Shepherd

Read & reflect together on the Word as a family throughout the week.

Psalm 23 The Lord Our Shepherd

1. What stands out as most meaningful to you about your Shepherd?
2. In what experience do you recall God speaking to you in Psalm 23?
3. Try reading this Psalm every day this week. What did you hear?

Ezekiel 34:1-16 Shepherds and Sheep

1. What 5 kinds of care do sheep need? How do the shepherds help?
2. What will God do himself for the sheep?

Ezekiel 34:17-31 Shepherds and Sheep

1. How are the sheep treating each other? How will God treat them?
2. Who will be shepherd for these sheep?
3. What undeserved blessing will this Shepherd bring? Why?

John 10:22-30 Not My Sheep ... My Sheep

1. What kind of Christ did the Jews want Jesus to be?
2. How does Jesus describe the way his sheep act?
3. What does Jesus promise his enemies about his sheep?

Reflect:

What do you most appreciate about our Good Shepherd?

What do you most need from our Good Shepherd?