



## Jesus, Our Shepherd

### Part 1

IceBreaker: Sparkling water or regular water? What is your preference?

**Please read together:** Ezekiel 34:23 (NIV) and John 10:1-17 (ESV)

**Discuss:**

What does it mean to have Jesus be the Shepherd of your life?  
How is Jesus Shepherding you today?

1. You are a sheep.

**Please read together:** Psalm 100:3 (NIV), Isaiah 40:11 (NIV), Psalm 23 (NKJV)

**Discuss:**

- The leaders in Jesus' day were adding extra rules and requirements for getting close to God? What are some ways we do that in our modern church?
- Nothing makes God madder than when someone messes with His sheep! Tell us about a time that someone picked on you and God vindicated you!
- You are not a sheep by Accident. You are a sheep by design. The moment we forget who we are, we place ourselves as shepherds of our own lives. Tell about a time you tried to be the shepherd of your own life. How did that go?
- What would it be like to rejoice in the fact that you are made to be a sheep?
- Re-Read Isaiah 40:11 – “He gently leads those who have young.” Tell us what this portion of the scripture means to you?

Prayer together:

Father, it is so humbling to realize that we are not made to be God. We are made in your image, but we are not you. Please forgive us for the times that we try to be you in the lives of others, and in controlling circumstances in our own lives. Remind us that we are sheep. Remind us that we are not Jesus, or the Holy Spirit. Help us to do what we are made to do. Help us to allow you and Jesus and the Holy Spirit to do their

jobs without getting in their way! Teach us to yield to the arms that cradle us and hold us close to your heart. In our stressed out world, please bring peace that passes all of our understanding. We need you. We know it. Help us to remember and follow you, Our GOOD Shepherd. In Jesus' Name, Amen.