

I AM | Week 2 - I AM the Good Shepherd

Message Big Idea

Jesus is the answer to our need for intimacy with God. He is the Good Shepherd and the gate.

Scripture

John 10:1-6, John 10:7-18 and Psalm 23

Points to Keep In Mind

1. If you and your group haven't already, this week would be the ideal time to sign up for Community Daily as we will read through the entire Book of John together during this I AM series. Community Daily is a free resource created by our staff here at COMMUNITY that goes directly to your inbox once you sign up. It's a great way to start your day! You can sign up at communitychristian.org/daily
2. Two good shepherds from the Old Testament are Moses (Exodus 3:1-6) and David (1 Samuel 16:11-13 and Psalm 78:70-72).
3. The picture of a shepherd lying down to become the gate to the sheep pen is a powerful metaphor for how Jesus laid down His life for us so that we can experience the abundant YOU+ life through Him. Jesus is the only way. It is also a beautiful picture of Jesus as our protector and gateway to nourishment, pasture and life. Sheep are invited through the gate into the sheep pen to sleep at night where they are protected, but they are also led back out through the gate to pasture so they can thrive, grow and live the life they were created to live, just as we are in our YOU+ life.
4. In Psalm 23, God is depicted as the shepherd of Israel. In John 10:11, Jesus tells us He is the Good Shepherd. Jesus is making a fundamental claim about His identity: He is God.

Additional Questions and Resources

1. Where do you see God at work in your life right now?
2. What next steps do you feel called to take in your faith journey?
3. Have you considered getting baptized? communitychristian.org/baptism
4. What have you been learning from the Community Daily? communitychristian.org/daily
5. If someone is seeking professional counseling, you can always refer them to our resource page: communitychristian.org/mentalhealth/
6. Find out more about having a YOU+ conversation by visiting: youplus.info
7. How have you been able to BLESS others recently? (B-begin with prayer, L-listen, E-eat, S-serve and S-share your story)