



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

IF / THEN | WEEK 2

BOTTOM LINE

IF JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD,
THEN YOU ARE IN GOOD HANDS.

SCRIPTURE

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep" (John 10:11-15 NIV).

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students understand that they can trust Jesus with the areas of their life that they don't feel good about.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders — The first question this week asks students to share an embarrassing story. Students may share something vulnerable. Remind your students that this is a safe space, and that you're a safe person to talk to.

SAY THIS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When's a time when you felt embarrassed or wanted to run away and hide?
2. When we mess up, why do you think our first reaction is to run away and hide from God?
3. Jesus referred to Himself as a Good Shepherd. What do you think He meant by that?
4. How is the Good Shepherd different from the way most people see Jesus?
5. What are some ways that Jesus "takes care" of us?
6. What's one way you can take your fears, struggles, or disappointments to the Good Shepherd?
7. What will hold you back from doing that this week?

TRY THIS

Leaders — Ask your students to think of THE area of life where they feel most weak and vulnerable. Create some silent moments for them to invite the Good Shepherd into that area. Then close in prayer by asking God to help your students in the area they identified.