

Week 6 - The Good Shepherd

Jesus, Our Voice of Assurance

John's Gospel presents that Jesus is the "I am" that The Father has given to us, so that whatever our need, Jesus declares "I am" God's answer for you.

1 - Hearing Jesus' Voice

This week Pastor Tim encouraged us to hear the God's in new ways this Easter season. What can we learn from the story of Jesus with Nicodemus?

2 - Watch Pastor Scott's Video for Journey to The Cross - Week 6

The readings follow the **Journey to the Cross devotional booklet!**

3 - Scripture reading - This week we read about Jesus' "I am" statements that He is the Light of the World, the Door for the Sheep, and the Good Shepherd.

Read John 8:12 - Jesus is the "Light of the World"

- John's readers would have known about the celebrations of Hanukkah, (called the Feast of Dedication in **John 10:22**), and the huge menorahs decorating the Temple courts representing.
- When Jesus called Himself "**the Light of the World**", the people would have remembered the prophecy of **Isaiah 42:1-7** - read this passage, how does it describe Jesus?

Read John 10:1-15 - 2 Important "I am" statements!

- How does Jesus become "**the door**" of the sheepfold for us?
- **Read Ezekiel 34:1-16, 23-24, 30-31** - God expresses disappointment in the religious leaders of Israel. If the priests and leaders of Jesus' day knew these passages well, how would Jesus' claim to be "**the Good Shepherd**" have been offensive to them?
- God promises through Ezekiel to send "His own shepherd", a descendant of David, to care for His sheep! What connections do you see to where Jesus was born and to the announcement of His birth to shepherds in the same fields where David once watched over flocks? How did Jesus fulfill the words of Ezekiel 400 years earlier?

Pray together!

- Use the Week 4 prompt in the United in Prayer section in the booklet!
Also pray for Pastor Jerry and our Senior Adult group!



A DISCIPLE'S WALK THROUGH
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



The Light of The World

Above: a 12' tall menorah outside the Israeli Knesset (Congress) building in Jerusalem. In Jesus' day, there was a similar large menorah in the Temple courts at the season of Hanukkah



The Good Shepherd

Above: the oldest church buildings most commonly represent Jesus as the Good Shepherd caring for His flock.



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