



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

Jesus is Your Good Shepherd April 21-23, 2018

(John 10:11-18) "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. {12} The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns 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. {13} The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. {14} "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me-- {15} just as the Father knows me and I know the Father--and I lay down my life for the sheep. {16} I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. {17} The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life--only to take it up again. {18} No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

1. Is it possible to feel alone—in the middle of a crowd? Why/why not?
2. Give an example of a time when you suddenly felt like you were alone (and it bothered you).
3. What emotions do you think the apostles experienced after Jesus' death/ascension?

4. What is the significance of the first two words of John 10:11? (cf. Exodus 3:14; John 8:58-59; John 8:12; John 10:7)

5. Agree/disagree: Jesus decided when the moment of his death would be. Defend your answer. (cf. also John 19:30; Luke 23:46)

6. Which is true: "God raised Jesus from the dead" or "Jesus raised himself from the dead"? Explain.

7. List at least three differences between the hired hand and the good shepherd.

8. What might Satan whisper in your ear to try to separate you from your Good Shepherd?

9. How could you use this Bible lesson to help someone (yourself?) who is feeling lonely/abandoned/separated from God?

10. Agree/disagree: These verses offer a great deal of comfort—if the reader is a Christian.