

## Week of September 7 The Gospel of John: Good Shepherd | John 10:1-21 Pastor Mike Barnhart

This weekly tool is designed to help you process and apply God's truth with other brothers and sisters who want to grow in Christ. You might use this in your Life Group, one-on-one over coffee, around the family dinner table, or in a casual small group of friends. The aim is to take God's Word from Sunday morning and bring it into the corners of our lives throughout the week, so that together we might be transformed into people who treasure God and love others.

# **beyondsunday** Reflection & Discussion

## **Getting Started**

1. What do you want or desire in life? What do you hope for?

### **Receive the Word**

- 2. Read John 10:1-21.
  - a. What does this passage tell us about the good shepherd?
  - b. Who are the sheep? What does this passage tell us about them?
- 3. What is the abundant life referenced in John 10:10?
- 4. Read Psalm 23.
  - a. How does <u>Psalm 23</u> describe the good shepherd? (i.e. his character, what he does)
  - b. What promises of care are found in <a href="Psalm 23">Psalm 23</a> for the sheep of Jesus?

### **Make the Connection**

- 5. Think about your life right now. In what ways do you need God's care? In what ways do you *want* to be cared for? (physically, emotionally, mentally, relationally?)
- 6. As people in your group share how they need to be cared for, respond to one another by sharing God's promise for how he will provide. Think about what you've just read in Psalm 23 and other promises from Scripture. Relate it to everyday life if you can.
- THINK With what is Jesus asking me to trust him this week?
- PRAY Pray together for your needs to be fulfilled in Christ.
- ACT Is the Lord leading me to respond in action with anything this week?