

DISCUSSION GUIDE

PARABLE OF THE

GOOD SHEPHERD

JOHN 10:1-18

QUESTIONS FOR KIDS



1. What are some things a good shepherd does, that a thief cannot?
2. Why do sheep follow the Good Shepherd? What is the Good Shepherd willing to sacrifice for his sheep?
3. Who does Jesus say is the Good Shepherd? Who are his sheep?
4. How do praying and reading your Bible every day help you to recognize Jesus' voice? What are you doing to learn to recognize Jesus' voice?

QUESTIONS FOR YOUTH



1. Who is the Good Shepherd that the passages are referring to?
2. What does it mean that the Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep?
3. Do you recognize the voice of the Good Shepherd?
4. This week, spend time meditating on the confidence we can have knowing Jesus won't leave you. What difference does that fact make in your life?

QUESTIONS FOR ADULTS



1. How does one know the difference between the shepherd's voice and the voice of strangers?
2. In the story, the sheep hears only the voice of a good shepherd. What does this truth say about the Pharisees?
3. What does a hired hand of the sheep care about? What does a good shepherd care about?
4. Who are the "hired hands" in our world? How can we avoid them?