






	I AM _____ - The Good Shepherd
 <b>BIG IDEA</b>	We cannot expect the Good Shepherd to guide us if we have not surrendered whatever it is that holds us back from following
 <b>ICE BREAKER</b>	Do you have a favorite animal?? What is it and why is it your favorite?
 <b>MAIN POINTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The "good" in Good Shepherd (Greek: "kalos") means noble, wholesome, beautiful - combining inner virtue with outer beauty</li> <li>• Sheep are defenseless and dependent upon their shepherd</li> <li>• Shepherds know their sheep by name and sacrifice for them</li> <li>• Sheep respond to the shepherd's voice but can wander and follow strangers</li> <li>• Hired hands abandon the sheep when danger comes</li> <li>• We often put our trust in "hired hands" (people, institutions) that eventually disappoint us</li> <li>• Safety isn't always comfortable, but the Shepherd is always good</li> </ul>
 <b>DISCUSS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What most stood out to you from the message this weekend? Why?</li> <li>2. Read John 10:10-16. What qualities does Jesus highlight about Himself as the Good Shepherd?</li> <li>3. In Psalm 23, what specific things does the Shepherd provide for the sheep? Which of these provisions resonates most with you right now?</li> <li>4. Rachel mentioned that "sheep are completely defenseless and totally dependent upon the Shepherd." Where in your life do you feel most dependent on God's guidance right now?</li> <li>5. Who or what "hired hands" have you trusted to guide you that have ultimately disappointed you? How was that experience different from following Jesus?</li> <li>6. What areas of your life are you still trying to control rather than surrendering them to the Good Shepherd?</li> <li>7. Rachel said, "Don't be fooled into thinking that safety is equivalent to comfort." Can you share a time when following God led you somewhere uncomfortable but ultimately good?</li> <li>8. What are some ways for you to better recognize and respond to the Shepherd's voice in your daily life?</li> </ol>
 <b>NEXT STEP</b>	What is one specific area where you need to surrender control and allow the Good Shepherd to lead you this week? What practical step can you take to do this?
 <b>SCRIPTURE</b>	John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

	John 10:14-15 I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the
<div> NEXT WEEK SNEAK PEAK</div>	Join us next week and invite a friend as continue the I AM series exploring who Jesus is!

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