

"I Am The Good Shepherd"

Study Guide

- Take a moment to pray for clarity and understanding as you open God's word. Ask him for humility as you search the Scriptures for truth.
- Read John 10:11-15
- Shepherds were all over ancient Israel. Seeing a shepherd take care of sheep was something people saw on a daily basis and something they understood. We are a little removed from that culture. Spend a little bit of time researching what it was like being a shepherd in that time. What did their day look like? What did they have to do? A quick google search will give you a good idea.
- Jesus tells us three things in this passage:
 - He lays his life down for his sheep (us).
 - O He knows his sheep (us).
 - He unlike the hired hand, will not forsake his sheep (us).

Meditate on these truths and think about how this has proven true in your own life. Sometimes it may feel like we are alone or forsaken, but God's children are *never* forsaken. Look up these following verses: Romans 8:26-30, Romans 8:37-39, Philippians 4:4-7.

• God is <u>Good!</u> Close in prayer and specifically take time to thank him for his goodness in leading us, and loving us. Pray that your life will be a reflection of that truth as you seek to follow him in response to what he has done for you.