

Week of March 29th, 2020 - Discussion Questions for Ohana Groups

Seeing Jesus | "The Good Shepherd" John 10:11-18

Overview

In the fourth of Jesus' "I Am" sayings in the Gospel of John, Jesus states that he is "the good shepherd." Jesus is the loving shepherd who knows his sheep, who will never abandon his sheep, and who has laid down his life for his sheep.

ICEBREAKER

How are you keeping sane during the stay-at-home mandate?

BIBLE: Read John 10:11-18

1. Look up "sheep" online. What are sheep like? How are we similar to sheep?
2. In what ways is Jesus the "good" shepherd? What is he willing to do for his sheep?
3. How is the good shepherd different from the "hired hand" (John 10:12-13)?
4. What is the significance of the statement, "I know my sheep and my sheep know me" (John 10:14)?
5. One of the most beautiful expressions of trust in God in the Psalter is Psalm 23. This psalm uses the soothing imagery of a pastoral scene, with the Lord as the shepherd. How does the central affirmation "you are with me" bring comfort and peace to your soul?

APPLICATION

1. Following the example of the good shepherd who lays down his own life for his sheep, what are we also called to do according to 1John 3:16? Though apart, what tangible actions of love can you show to your Ohana Group member, church family, neighbor, or stranger? Consider using various forms of communication!
2. What steps have you taken to keep in contact with one another in your Ohana Group since last week? Consider using social communication platforms like an Ohana Facebook page, Zoom conference call, or phone tree!
3. Memorize John 10:11 together in your Ohana Group.

PRAYER

1. Please pray for those serving on the front lines against the coronavirus including: Government, Medical, Police, Fire, Ambulance, Military, Teachers, Food workers, Delivery drivers, Custodial cleaners, and Churches. Pray for their safety, and protection against any harm.
2. Please pray for peace in families and especially for youth and children who will not be going to school during the Corona virus.
3. Please pray for businesses and establishments to keep afloat within these difficult economic times.
4. Please pray that Christians will rise up and seize opportunities to share the love of Jesus Christ with those that need Him. That many people will come to know Jesus as their personal Savior and Lord.

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