

4Ws So That You May Know *The Good Shepherd*

John 10:1-21

Dgroup's Curriculum: Leader's Copy

WORSHIP

Consider reading **Psalm 64** together, taking turns reading a verse at a time, or reading responsively with the leader reading a verse and the group responding with the next verse. You can discuss the Psalms you read and share what they mean to you.

WELCOME

Questions.

What is the strangest situation you've been in where you had to identify yourself? Perhaps you didn't have an ID with you, or perhaps the person asking for ID didn't speak English, or maybe something else? Tell us the story.

WORD

Discussion Questions:

1. Discuss what the following represents. And how is a&b represented in our present time.
 - A. Thieves and Robbers
 - B. Watchman
 - C. Sheepfold
 - D. Sheep
 - E. Shepherd

Answer:

2. Did you ever had a time wherein you had difficulties hearing the voice of the Shepherd? When and why did you have difficulties in hearing Him? What were the lessons that you've learned through this experience?

Answer:

3. Jesus says in v.10 that **He came that He may give life, and have it abundantly**. How would you define a life filled with abundance? What is in a believer's life that makes it abundant?

Answer:

4. Jesus proclaimed that He is the Good Shepherd in v11&14. What are some of the characteristics of the Good Shepherd? And how has Jesus been a good shepherd to you?

Answer:

5. How important is the balance of knowing both the truth and the heart God? How does this shape your view about Christ?

Answer:

6. Read Psalm 23 in your group and allow this magnificent picture of the Shepherd speak to each one. Break into 2's or 3's and with each one taking turns - Identify a specific area in your life where you need the leading of the Shepherd. Discuss this and pray for one another as you close.

Answer:

WORK

There probably hasn't been a time during our study of the Gospel of John when we were more compelled to share the Good News with people that we know and people that we meet than in the passage we studied this week. Jesus has made it very clear that He is passionate about bringing His 'other sheep' into the sheep pen. He loves every human being, and longs for them to be in right relationship with Him. It seems that anyone who loves Jesus will love His dream – that's part of loving someone. I know that we keep saying it here – though I'm not sure that people are reading this paragraph – but the time is now! Our family, friends, coworkers and neighbors all need to hear Jesus' heart for them. They need to hear that He wants them to be part of His fold, His flock. They won't hear unless someone who is already part of His flock takes the time to tell them the Good News. Let's get busy with this and make sure that everyone has a chance to hear!

Those of us who lead should remember that there is no better way to motivate others to share the gospel than to set an example for them. Speak to others about Jesus when you have the opportunity and set an example of lifestyle evangelism for the members of your group. They will be much more likely to follow your example than they will be to simply do what you tell them to do. Ask the group to discuss this and then ask them to think through the list of people you have been praying for each week. Discuss how we can be more aggressively involved in sharing the good news with these folks for whom God has burdened us. We will pray for these people tonight and each night we're together until they come to Life Group, or come to Christ through some other means. Have each couple or individual share the name of one couple/person to pray for and then ask one of the other people in the group to pray for them.

Close your time together in prayer.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

- That CCF Singapore Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Core, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Singapore Facilities

- CCF Singapore Center
- Equipments

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends