



JESUS: THE MESSIAH

LESSON 5 - "The Book of John: I AM The Good Shepherd"

June 7, 2026

WORSHIP (15 MINS)

Venue: Home gatherings

Sing one or two songs or play a song from You Tube.

Venue: Public place (school, café, park, etc.) or **Via Online,**

Testimonies: "What is your "high" or "your "low" this past week?"

Ask someone to do the opening prayer.

WELCOME (10 MINS)

Welcome guests/first-time visitors.

- **Ice-breaker:** If you could shape shift into any animal, what would it be and why?

WORD(30-45 MINS)

Main Text: John 10: 11-16 (NKJV)

Intro: The bible is divided into 2 parts: Old and New Testament.

The Old Testament contains promises, expectations, and foreshadowing.

The New Testament presents Jesus as the fulfillment of those promises.

One of these promises concerns God's response to the unfaithful shepherds of Israel, a metaphor for Israel's leaders, including kings, priests, prophets, and other rulers, who were supposed to care for God's people. **(Read Ezekiel 34:10-13 NLT)**

God condemns the leaders of Israel for failing to care for His flock and promises that He Himself will seek, gather, and shepherd His people. He also promises to raise up "one shepherd" from the line of David to care for them.

A sheep is completely dependent to its shepherd. In 2015, the story of Chris, the Sheep, became viral. He was left without a shepherd for about 5 years. He was rescued with 41.1 kgs of fleece. When they saw him, he was not moving. He was weak and having difficulty walking, and had become slightly bow-legged. The fleece taken from Chris was damp, dirty, smelly and showed evidence of insect activity. It needed treatment so it could be preserved and is now displayed at the National Museum of Australia.

All of us are like Chris, a sheep that has gone astray **(Read Isaiah 53:6)**. The good news is, we have a Good Shepherd in Jesus Christ. He is the Good Shepherd for the following reasons:

1) He lays down His life for His sheep (John 10: 11-13)

He is the good shepherd because He is sacrificial in His care for His sheep.

The verse shows us the difference between a Hired Shepherd and a Good Shepherd. You treat something differently when you own something. When you believe something is yours, you develop a strong attachment and sense of identity. You care more. You are more cautious to protect it from damage and reckless use.

Because of Israel's shepherds, God's sheep were spiritually lost. Instead of being closer to God they find themselves farther from Him and His life. God sent his Son, Jesus, to seek and save them, by willingly laying His life for God's sheep. It is in the death of the Good Shepherd that many lost sheep (people) are made alive in God again. **(Read Luke 19:10)**

Q: Have you ever been lost before? Share your story of being lost.

A good shepherd risks his life to protect his flock from predators, whether the sheep is in the pen, or outside the pen alone and lost **(Read 1 Samuel 17: 34-35)**.

Jesus takes this image further. He does not merely risk His life, He actually gives it. As the Messiah, He did not wait for the lost sheep to come to Him. He came to earth to seek and save them by dying on the cross.

In the Parable of the Lost Sheep, the Good Shepherd willingly leaves the ninety-nine sheep in the fold to look for one lost sheep.

Jesus' death was the ultimate demonstration of His love for God's sheep. Through His death, the lost sheep of Israel can be brought back to God's care and other sheep, the Gentiles, who were not part of the fold of Israel, would also be brought into His flock, so that there would be one flock under one Shepherd.

Q: How would you react if you lost a dollar vs. losing \$500/your phone?

Jesus laid His life for you and me because He sees us with so much value and worth. You are worth dying for!

2) He knows His sheep intimately (John 10:14)

Jesus did not just die on the cross so we can go to heaven. He died so we can have an intimate relationship with Him. From that intimacy flows a life that is full and satisfying.

The word "know" in Greek is "ginosko" . Its meaning is often deeper than simply possessing information. Unlike merely knowing facts, ginōskō often refers to knowledge gained through personal relationship, experience, or intimate acquaintance. **(Read Psalms 139:1-7)**

We have a good shepherd that sees us at our worst. He knows our flaws and our deepest darkest secrets, but He still loves us the same.

Q: What do you think does the face of Jesus looks like when He looks at you?

Conclusion:

Jesus is a good shepherd,. Therefore, we can depend on Him. To depend on Him means to listen to Him and obey Him.

It's either we follow Jesus, or follow our way. Doing it our way is tiring. Jesus offers us rest and abundant life by holding His hand and do life with Him.

Q: How would you describe your relationship with God in the current season of your life?

WORK(15 MINS)

Application

1. Find a partner. Ask what you can pray for him/her then pray for each other.
2. Pray and prepare a Hit List (max. of 5-10 names of family, relatives, friends, schoolmates, workmates, neighbors, etc.) of possible people you desire to invite in the next life group gathering.

What is your take-away from this lesson? Closing Prayer