

FOLLOW THE LEADER:

Jesus, The Good Shepherd

SEASON 8 EP. 8

Group Questions

1. What struck you from this week's episode?
2. Read Psalm 23 together. What word or phrase speaks to you on how God has been a shepherd to you in this season?
3. The catechism reminds us that it is Christ alone who unfailingly nourishes and leads us. Where have you looked to man-made ways and earthly leaders to shepherd you instead of Jesus, the Good Shepherd?
4. The rod and staff are used to protect the flock and snatch back the sheep who are prone to wander. How have you seen God's rod and staff at work in your life? Where do you need God to shepherd you by wielding his rod and staff?

Lectio Divina

The LORD is my shepherd there is nothing I lack. In green pastures he makes me lie down; to still waters he leads me; he restores my soul. He guides me along the right paths for the sake of his name....Indeed, goodness and mercy will pursue me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of the LORD for endless days." - Psalm 23: 1-6

Journal Questions

1. What does it mean, for you personally, that Jesus is the Good Shepherd? Reflect on a time that God has shown his providence, protection and leadership in your life.
2. Who are the shepherds—priests, pastors and leaders—who have imaged for you the face of Christ as the Good Shepherd? Take a moment to express gratitude for the gift of their lives and vocations.
3. Who are the shepherds—priests, pastors and leaders—who have disfigured the face of Christ as the Good Shepherd due to their failures and sins. Take a moment to invite God into your hurt and ask that He would restore those places.
4. Spend some time reading and praying through the shepherd imagery in John 10, Psalm 23, or Luke 15:3-6. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal who Jesus says He is.

Quote to Ponder

"I am like the sick sheep that strays from the rest of the flock. Unless the Good Shepherd takes me on His shoulders and carries me back to His fold, my steps will falter, and in the very effort of rising, my feet will give way."
- St. Jerome

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