



Session 5: Sheep: The Innocent Wanderers



Key Passages

Genesis 4:1-4 - Abel Sacrifices Sheep

Genesis 22:1-14 - A Close Call for Isaac

Exodus 12:1-13 - Sheep at the Passover

Luke 2:8-20 - The First Christmas

John 10:1-18 - The Good Shepherd

Luke 15: 3-7 - One Sheep Lost

While reading, write down any questions you have or things that stand out to you.

Questions for Reflection

1. What are some different roles that sheep and shepherds play in these passages? Jot them down in your notebook.
2. What is the central metaphor in John 10:1-18 and Luke 15: 3-7 that Jesus uses to describe our relationship to him? (Hint: it surprisingly involves sheep.)
3. What about sheep makes them similar to us? In other words, why are we compared to sheep so much in scripture? Similarly, why is Jesus compared to a shepherd/a gate to the pasture?

Kitchen Table Question

Re-read John 10:1-18 with your family. Together, talk about these questions:

1. Describe your ideal “pasture”, or an environment where you feel the safest and happiest. What about it makes you feel so? Why?

2. What parts of our lives make it difficult for us to keep following the Good Shepherd sometimes?