

## WORSHIP

### SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS:

This is Amazing Grace, Jesus You are so Good, Jesus Son of God, Halleluiah to the Lamb

## WELCOME

**Animal Game.** If you were an animal, what animal would you like to be and why?

## WORD

### JOHN 10:11, 27-28

<sup>11</sup> *I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.*

<sup>27</sup> *My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; <sup>28</sup> and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.*

### THE SHEPHERD AND THE SHEEP

Sheep are timid, dirty and defenseless, completely dependent on their shepherd. The shepherd tends, cleans, feeds, herds and protects his sheep.

The Bible tells us that the shepherd calls his sheep by name and leads them. When a shepherd calls his sheep, they will come out of the fold and follow him because the sheep know his voice (**John 10:3-4**).

Interestingly, in many instances in the Bible, God's people are likened to sheep. As sheep, we need a Shepherd to depend on and take care of us.

### JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Jesus calls Himself the good Shepherd (**v.11**). It is a beautiful picture of the character and the nature of God (**Psalms 23**). It points to a very personal relationship between sheep and the shepherd.

The shepherd of a flock would act as the door of the sheepfold to protect his sheep. And as opposed to the thief who comes to destroy, Jesus comes to give an abundant life (**John 10:10**). He is the Door of the sheepfold, and whoever comes through Him will be saved and will find pasture (**John 10:9**).

For Jesus to be our Shepherd, we must go through the Door. To enter the Door, we must first humble ourselves and admit that we are indeed sheep. Then we must believe that we need Jesus the Shepherd to save us.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for His sheep (**John 10:11-13**). But not only that, Jesus also took our place and became a sheep Himself. He

became the Lamb of God who took away our sins so that we could have a relationship with God.

Jesus has compassion over us because we are like sheep without a shepherd.

*All of us like sheep have gone astray,  
Each of us has turned to his own way;  
But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all  
To fall on Him. He was oppressed and He was  
afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth;  
Like a lamb that is led to slaughter,  
And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers,  
So He did not open His mouth. – **Isaiah 53:6-7***

Even though there is nothing good in us, He cares for us. So much so that He gave His life for us. This is the kind of Shepherd we have.

### THE SHEPHERD'S CALL

Jesus says, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand" (**verses 27-28**).

Is Jesus your Shepherd? You know you are His when you know His voice and follow Him (**v. 27**). But if you do not hear or recognize His voice, perhaps you do not really know Him. Or perhaps you are too busy or still separated from God because you are living in sin.

Jesus gives us eternal life (**v. 27**), promising us abundant life (**v. 10**), a life full of joy, purpose and meaning. We have that life when we listen to His voice, depend on Him and follow Him. And God can use the life he gives us to touch countless people.

## WORD (cont'd)

The worst thing that can happen to us on earth is to die without knowing the Shepherd. The reality is all of us are going to die. But our assurance is God's promise in **John 3:16** that there will be eternal life. If Jesus is our Shepherd, even though we walk in the

valley of the shadow of death, we will fear no evil for He is with us (**Psalm 23**).

Jesus is the Shepherd, so depend on Him. To depend on Jesus means to listen to Him and obey Him. The more surrendered and dependent we are to the Shepherd, the more God will use us.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

*(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)*

- 1. The Good Shepherd.** Who is the Good Shepherd and the sheep according to **John 10:11 and 27**?
- 2. The Shepherd's Voice.** Are you Jesus' sheep? Why do you say you are?
- 3. The Shepherd's Call.** What is Jesus' call to you as His sheep? How are you responding to His call?

## WORKS

### CALLED TO SHEPHERD

Jesus came to give us an abundant life. God wants to use us to help people experience that abundant life as well. If Jesus is your Shepherd, He is calling you to shepherd the people whom He has entrusted to you. You are to take care of them voluntarily and joyfully under the will of God, so that when Jesus, the Chief Shepherd comes, you will receive His unfading glory (**1 Peter 5:1-4**).

Until you know why you do what you do and who you are doing it for, you can grow weary and tired of being a shepherd to the people around you.

What kind of shepherd are you? How do you shepherd the people around you?

### 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

- Upright and moral governance of Public Servants and a God-centered Philippines
- Repentance and Salvation

#### III. Church

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

#### IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

#### V. Personal Concerns

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