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## I am the Good Shepherd

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. John 10:11 (NRSV)

"I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber! John 10:1 (NLT)

The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. John 10:10 (NLT)

### Four Challenges of Being a Sheep

1. Sheep get \_\_\_\_\_ easily
2. Sheep are \_\_\_\_\_
3. Sheep are very \_\_\_\_\_
4. Sheep are \_\_\_\_\_

### What Does the Good Shepherd Do?

- He \_\_\_\_\_

He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Psalm 23:3b (NIV)

<sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own

sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. John 10:3-4 (NLT)

- He \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, <sup>3</sup> he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Psalm 23:1-3 (NIV2011)

- He \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>4</sup> "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders <sup>6</sup> and goes home. Luke 15:4-6 (NIV2011)

- He \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Psalm 23:4-6 (NIV2011)

### My Next Step Today Is To...

- By faith, accept Jesus as my Savior and commit to follow him as my shepherd.
- Admit that I have been following the Good Shepherd as I should and so I commit to start today.
- Spend more time with Jesus through reading the Bible and prayer so that I can recognize his voice.
- Meditate on and/or memorize Psalm 23:1-3