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OUR MISSION is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (Year 1, Week 23)

Matt. 18:15-16 (Church Life)

15 "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

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SERMON GUIDE

SEEING THE GOOD SHEPHERD

John 10:1-15

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- S**cripture that stands out to you while you read
- O**bservations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you
- A**pplication that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- P**ray that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

Conversation Questions

Setting The Table: Shepherding was a familiar image in the ancient world, especially in Israel. The people knew how deeply reliant sheep are on their shepherd for protection, provision, and direction. In the Old Testament, God is often portrayed as a shepherd (Psalm 23; Ezekiel 34), and Israel's leaders were sometimes called shepherds of the people—though often criticized for failing in that role. Jesus draws on these rich themes to make a powerful statement about His identity and mission. He is not just a good shepherd; He is the Good Shepherd who knows His sheep intimately, calls them by name, and lays down His life for them.

Read John 10:1-15

- S** What do you love most about what you just read? What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read these scriptures? Is anything jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** Jesus uses quite a few related but different metaphors in his teaching:
 - Sheepfold (v.1)
 - Strangers (v.5)
 - Gate/Door (v.1-2, 9)
 - Thieves and Robbers (v.8-10)
 - Hired Hands (v.12)
 - Wolves (v.12)
- O** What do you think each of these metaphors points to in our spiritual lives? What are we learning about ourselves, about Jesus and about the world?
- O** How does Jesus describe the relationship between Himself and His sheep?
 - Take a moment to read Psalm 23. Which aspect of the relationship between Shepherd and Sheep is ministering to you most personally right now? Why?
- A** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A** What do you love most about Jesus as your shepherd right now? Why? Take some time to pray and give thanks for all the ways Jesus is personally caring for you right now.
- P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.