



WEEK 11: SHEPHERD DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. What images come to mind when you read the 23rd Psalm? What life events come to mind?
2. How would you describe a shepherd and what are their responsibilities?
3. How are leading, protecting, and healing applicable in your personal journey both in shepherding and being shepherded?
4. Shepherds did the work few were willing to do. How does that translate to your life?
5. Sheep are led to food and if not moved, will destroy their food source. What does it mean to be spiritually fed? And what responsibility do we have in feeding ourselves?
6. How many leaders can you remember in the Bible who were shepherds? Who in your own life served you as a shepherd?
7. Can you think of any examples of shepherds of our own society (police, politicians, preachers, teachers, etc.) who use their power against those they should protect? What are the consequences of these bad shepherds?
8. Shepherding is only noble when suffering is a part of it (Moore, p. 76). What has suffering looked like to you?
9. First, identify the leadership position you hold. Second, share one idea in one of these roles where you could lead like a good shepherd.

ACTION STEP

1. Identify one practice of shepherding you could implement in one of these areas: (1) raising your kids, (2) leading a team at work, (3) leading a volunteer team at church, and (4) coaching a kids' sports team.