

BE A BRINGER


“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”
John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

 <p>THIS IS JESUS Discover How Jesus Helps US GROWTH GUIDE</p>	<p>Handout: 03/29/20</p> <p>Study: 04/05/20</p>
<h3>Jesus Gives Security</h3> <p>In the Gospel of John, the word know means much more than intellectual awareness. It speaks of an intimate relationship between God and His people (see John 17:3). The Eastern shepherd knows his sheep personally and therefore knows best how to minister to them.</p> <p>To begin with, our Lord knows our names (see John 10:3). He knew Simon (John 1:42) and even gave him a new name. He called Zaccheus by name (Luke 19:5); and when He spoke Mary’s name in the garden, she recognized her Shepherd (John 20:16). If you have ever had your identity “lost” in a maze of computer operations, then you can appreciate the comforting fact that the Good Shepherd knows each of His sheep by name.</p> <p>He also knows our natures. While all sheep are alike in their essential nature, each sheep has its own distinctive characteristics; and the loving shepherd recognizes these traits. One sheep may be afraid of high places, another of dark shadows. A faithful shepherd will consider these special needs as he tends the flock.</p> <p>Have you ever noticed how different the 12 Apostles were from one another? Peter was impulsive and outspoken, while Thomas was hesitant and doubting. Andrew was a “people person” who was always bringing somebody to Jesus, while Judas wanted to “use” people in order to get their money for himself. Jesus knew each of the men personally, and He knew exactly how to deal with them.</p> <p>Because He knows our natures, He also knows our needs. Often, we do not even know our own needs! Psalm 23 is a beautiful poetic description of how the Good Shepherd cares for His sheep. In the pastures, by the waters, and even through the valleys, the sheep need not fear, because the shepherd is caring for them and meeting their needs. If you connect Psalm 23:1 and 6, you get the main theme of the poem: “I shall not want ... all the days of my life.”</p> <p>As the shepherd cares for the sheep, the sheep get to know their shepherd better. The Good Shepherd knows His sheep and His sheep know Him. They get to know Him better by listening to His voice (the Word) and experiencing His daily care. As the sheep follow the Shepherd, they learn to love and to trust Him. He loves “His own” (John 13:1) and He shows that love in the way He cares for them.</p> <p>Source: Bible Exposition Commentary by Warren Wiersbe</p>	

KEY VERSE

John 10:28 (NKJV)

“And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.”

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: John 10:11-30; John 7

Introduction

1. This week’s topic is the security that Jesus gives. What are some things you are feeling insecure about?
2. How would you describe your relationship to the Lord? How has He been the Good Shepherd in your life?

Tuesday: John 10:11-14; Isaiah 40:10-11; John 8

Know Jesus Is The Good Shepherd

3. What does Jesus say the good shepherd does for the sheep? How does this compare to the actions of the hired hand mentioned?
4. The cover of this guide states that the book of John uses the word “know” to describe “an intimate relationship between God and His people.” What are you doing during the Covid-19 crisis to deepen your relationship?

Wednesday: John 10:24-26; Matthew 16:13-17; John 9

Believe In Jesus As The Christ

5. What happens for those who believe in Jesus as their Savior? What security are we given in the present? What security are we given eternally?
6. What happens for those who do not believe in Jesus? How can our current crisis be an opportunity for us to examine our beliefs? How can it be an opportunity for us to share our faith with those who don’t know Jesus?

Thursday: John 10:27; Hebrews 3:7-15; John 10

Listen To And Follow Jesus

7. Why is it important for the sheep to know the voice of the shepherd? What can happen when the sheep do not recognize the voice of the shepherd?
8. In what ways does obedience demonstrate that you belong to the Shepherd?
9. How does following Jesus lead to great blessing in your life?

Friday: John 10:28-30; Romans 8:35-39; John 11

Understand Once Saved You Are Always Saved

10. What does Jesus’ promise in John 10:28-30 mean for your life?
11. Answer the question posed in Romans 8:35, personally. Who or what can separate you from the love of Christ? What evidence have you seen in your life that proves this to be true?
12. How can you enjoy His security during the Covid-19 crisis? How can the security you experience be a light to people who are not able to experience this security?