

He's With Me – The LORD is My Shepherd

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Biblical Authority – “A Better Way to Do Life”

The Bible is God's Word and it is our authority for life. If we will adjust our lives (submit) to it, we will find a better way to live. (John 1:14)

Community:

1. How important (would you say) are values in your life? What values would you say are the most important?
2. Where did you get the value system you work from today? Parents? Family? Yourself?

Core:

1. If you were to rethink your life right now, what is the most important value that should be in your life if it is not there presently?
2. **Read Psalm 23.** Do you find it difficult relating to the pastoral sheep and shepherd metaphors David uses in this Psalm? What are some metaphors we can use today to explain our relationship to God?
3. Sticking with David's imagery, what would it look like if you *really* let Jesus be your shepherd? Is there anywhere in your life where you're NOT following Jesus?
4. **Read Matthew 8:8-10.** Can you relate to the Centurion? Where in life are you like a *soldier*—under some sort of authority in your daily life? Are you able to put your life under the authority of God's Word? If so, how is that hard to do? If not, what's stopping you?
5. How do you know that Jesus is a *good commander or shepherd*—one that you can trust?
6. **Read Romans 5:6-8 and John 10:11.** Looking at these verses, is there any reason why you wouldn't fully trust Jesus with everything in your life? Is there something(s) that you are having a hard time entrusting to Jesus? What is making it so difficult?

Challenge:

What was the one thing that you haven't handed over to Jesus completely from Question #6? Take some time this week and read Psalm 23 each day until your group meets again. Pray, asking God for the strength to give that one piece of your life over to Jesus completely.