

Discussion following the completion of Lesson 3

Open by reading orally in unison:	Song suggestions:
Psalm 23 and/or Psalm 78:70-72, top of page 25	“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us,” “Shepherd of Love,” or “Surely Goodness and Mercy,” by John W. Peterson

Examples of possible questions based on Lesson 3: Shepherds

God the Shepherd

How was God described in Psalm 23?

What does Psalm 23 reveal about David?

What were the benefits that David proclaimed in Psalm 23 for allowing God to be his Shepherd?

How was God's role as Shepherd described in Ezekiel 34:11-22?

David the Shepherd

How was David described in Psalm 78:70-72?

How did David's role as a shepherd prepare him for leading Israel?

How did David approach the task of being a warrior?

What were the events that followed the killing of Goliath?

Christ, the Good Shepherd

What did Christ say about His role as a Shepherd?

in John 10

in Luke 15

Why was Jesus called a Lamb?

In John 1:29

In Hebrews 10:10, 10:19-22

Shepherds in the Body of Christ

Instructions to church leaders:

What was Jesus' command to Peter in John 21?

What was Paul's command to the elders of Ephesus in Acts 20?

What was Peter's command to church leaders in 1 Peter 5:1-4

What was the teaching of Ezekiel 34 concerning shepherds?

Submission to Shepherds in the Body of Christ

Instructions to church members:

What was Paul's instruction to the church of Corinth in 1 Corinthians 16:15-18

What was the instruction given in 1 Thessalonians 5:12,13

Lesson 3 Visual Aid

God the Shepherd

God as the Shepherd, Psalm 23
David's attitude toward God revealed in Psalm 23

Dependence upon God

Trust in God

Surrender to God

Benefits of allowing God to be your Shepherd

Needs being met

Guidance

Restoration

Faith, not fear

Comfort

Anointing

Dwelling with Him

God's role as a shepherd, Ezekiel 34:11-22

Search and seek His people

Care for them

Deliver them

Lead them to rest

Seek the lost

Judge His people

David, the Shepherd

Taken from the sheepfolds
From caring for ewes, to caring for God's people, Psalm 78:70-72

David, the warrior

Trusted God
Skilled with weapons as protector of the sheep

David, after the killing of Goliath

Covenant with Jonathan
Saul angry, suspicious
The people were pleased

Christ, the Good Shepherd

The sheep hear His voice John 10
The Parable of the Lost Sheep, Luke 15

Jesus, the Lamb of God

Who takes away the sin of the worlds, John 1:29
Offered one sacrifice for sins once and for all
Through His own blood
Cleansing us Hebrews 10:10, 10:19-22

Shepherds in the Body of Christ

Instructions to Shepherds:

Tend my lambs, shepherd my sheep because you love Christ, John 21

Be on guard, for all the flock, wolves among you, admonish with tears, Acts 20

Exercise oversight, voluntarily, humbly, eagerly, as an example to the flock, in 1 Peter 5:1-4

Submission to Shepherds in the Body of Christ

Instructions to church members:

The body is to be in subjection to leaders, refresh the leader's spirit, acknowledge such men, 1 Corinthians 16:15-18

Members are to appreciate those who diligently labor among you, 1 Thessalonians 5:12,13

