



- As we discover who Jesus claims to be it changes our **experience** with Him.
- When our understanding of Jesus changes, our **response** to Jesus also changes.

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. John 10:27

- A Jesus revolution happens when we understand that Jesus is my **shepherd**. The thief's purpose is to steal, kill and destroy. My purpose is to give life in all its fullness. "I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. John 10:10-11

Definition of Shepherd:

Someone who has a close intimate relationship with His sheep, who cares for the total well-being of His flock.

- When we understand that Jesus is our Shepherd, we discover how much he **cares** for us.

"The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Psalm 23:1-6 (NKJV)

Because Jesus is my shepherd:

My shepherd **provides** for me.

Because the Lord is my Shepherd, I have everything I need! Psalm 23:1 (TLB)

...The Lord is the provider for my life. Psalm 54:4 (GWT)

When I discover that Jesus is the provider for my life:

I respond with **gratitude** rather than with attitude.

Because Jesus is my shepherd:

- My shepherd **restores** me.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Psalms 147:3 (NIV)

Restore to me again the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you. Psalm 52:11

When I discover that Jesus restores my life:

I start giving the brokenness of my life to the **healer** of my life.

Because Jesus is my shepherd:

- My shepherd **guides** me.

He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23:3a-4 (NIV)

When I discover that Jesus guides my life:

I stop looking at my circumstances and start looking at my **shepherd**.

...let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. Hebrews 12:1b-2 (NIV)

Because Jesus is my shepherd:

- My shepherd **protects** me.

...You anoint my head with oil. Psalm 23:5 (NIV)

When I discover that Jesus protects my life:

I can have **peace** in my life.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; I will fear no one. The LORD protects me from all danger; I will never be afraid. Psalm 27:1 (GNT)

Because Jesus is my shepherd:

- My shepherd **blesses** me.

... Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life... Psalm 23:6

Action Step:

- **Know** the Shepherd.

"I know my sheep and my sheep know me." John 10:14

For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. 1 Peter 2:25



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- What would a Jesus revolution look like in your life
- Do you believe that Jesus as our shepherd should make a huge difference in our life? Explain.
- Talk about the definition of a shepherd. Does that describe your experience with Jesus? Explain.
- Why is it important to experience that Jesus really cares for us?
- Knowing that Jesus provides for you does what in your life?
- What does it mean that Jesus restores us?
- How does it benefit us as sheep to know that Jesus guides us?
- How do we as sheep respond when we know that our shepherd protects us?
- Do you know that God's blessings rest on your life?
- How do we get to know the shepherd?

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