

**Leader/Host Guide for John 10:1-41, Jesus, The Good Shepherd**  
**Week following Jan. 29, 2012**

*\*(please read the additional descriptions, instructions and notes on the yellow sample session format pages)*

I. Gather, Nametags, Welcome and Icebreaker

*Icebreaker suggestion: This passage of John tells a story about the relationship between the shepherd and his sheep. Christ is reminding the people of what the shepherd and sheep act like. What expectations do you have for Christ your shepherd and what do you think he expects of you?*

Opening Prayer

*Good Shepherd*

*We praise you for we know that we can trust you and you love us. Continue to teach us to hear your voice, follow your lead and obey your commandments. We believe in you and your desire that we are safe within your care at all times.  
In Jesus name we pray.*

*Amen.*

II. Bible, Sermon, Text Messages (Reflection Questions) and Faith in Action Discussion

III. Memory/Focus Verse Review

IV. Wrap up and Looking Ahead

V. Closing Prayer/Lord's Prayer

*God of Provision*

*Thank you for Jesus the good shepherd, the one who laid down his life for his people. Empower us through your Holy Spirit to grow in relationship with Jesus, our good shepherd who promises to love us and never leave us.*

*In the name of Jesus who is mighty to save,*

*Amen*

VI. Adjourn