

WEEKLY GUIDE

NOVEMBER 7, 2021

GATHER!

SUNDAY AND
THURSDAY

TALK!

DISCUSS THE
LESSONS

DO!

PUT THE
LESSONS INTO
PRACTICE

PRAY!

MAKE YOUR
REQUESTS
KNOWN TO GOD

BIBLE READINGS:

Luke 12:22-32; Isaiah 53:6; Hebrews 10:23-25;
John 10:14, 27-28; Matthew 6:33; Luke 9:23; Psalm 23

LUKE 12:29-32

29 And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. 30 For the world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. 31 But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

HEBREWS 10:25

25 (Let us) not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see.

JOHN 10:14

14 Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me.

JOHN 10:27-28

27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand..

ISAIAH 53:6

6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

MATTHEW 6:33

33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

LUKE 9:23

23 Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

READ PSALM 23

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DISCUSSION:

In the context of Luke chapter 12, who was Jesus speaking to? What is the contrast between the large crowd of unbelievers and the small band of believers? How does that apply or speak to us today? What does it mean to be a disciple? Why should a disciple be a follower and a student?

What two main themes stand out in Luke 22-32? How does this fit into verse 32, "Do not be afraid little flock, for the Father has been pleased to give you the Kingdom?" What two kingdoms do we have to choose from? Who has the Father given his kingdom to? Why does that matter? What difference does it make when it comes to fear and worry?

When Jesus refers to his little flock, what was he referring to? What does the word "small" mean? Have you ever felt small, insignificant, or in the minority? What does the world often equate with power? How do numbers or size influence people today? Do you feel the pull of more... more money, more stuff, more status, etc.?

What comes to mind when you think of sheep? In what ways are sheep weak, vulnerable, or defenseless? Who do sheep depend on for their provision and protection? What do sheep and disciples have in common? What do both sheep and disciples need? Who is the good shepherd?

Application:

What impacted you the most from this lesson? What were your big takeaways? What will you apply to your life? How will you put what you learned into practice in your life this week?

SUMMARY:

Have you ever felt small, insignificant, or in the minority? Guess what? You aren't alone. Jesus encouraged his disciples with the following words: "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom" (Luke 12:32). Though you feel small, you are very valuable to the Father. Don't worry. Stop running after all the things the world says is important. It's not. Stop wandering off in search of greener grass. Come out from the crowd and become a disciple of Christ. Become a student of God's Word and pick up your cross and follow Jesus daily. He is the good shepherd. You will find protection and provision when you are in his flock and in his care. You were created for relationship. You are not intended to live life alone, on your own. Remember, it's the banana that leaves the bunch that gets peeled.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

