



## Digging Deeper

1. Read the below verses and discuss the needed character traits of being a shepherd. How are these similar to the person of the Good Shepherd, Jesus?

Exodus 3:1

1 Samuel 16:1, 17:34-36

2. Read Psalm 23:1-6 and John 10:11-13. What is the difference between a true shepherd (owner) and a hired hand (employee) who watches the sheep?

3. Read John 10:3-4. How is plotting our own course in life (i.e., being our own shepherd) different from following Jesus (the Good Shepherd)? What makes either one of these options attractive? Unattractive?

4. Read Jeremiah 50:6. Describe some characteristics of a “bad” shepherd (e.g., bad boss, friend, leader, teacher, coach, etc.). How does a bad shepherd work to convince others that he/she is a good shepherd? Describe a season in life when you put your confidence in the wrong kind of shepherd.

