

NAMES OF GOD

HOW BOASTING IN GOD'S NAME TRANSFORMS YOUR SOUL

Week 8: October 25-31

10min Welcome / Introduce Guests / Share Life
 Recall the Guidelines / Open in Prayer

2min *Share the Vision: The transferring of leadership is an important aspect of small group. Let's work together to chase strays and pray for one another this week.*

5min **Hook Question:** Shepherding people means to guide them through life. What acts of shepherding have you experienced?

Ask someone from your team to read or tell the following background for the story:

2min Jesus modeled shepherding throughout Scripture. The name "God is our Shepherd" is first used in Genesis 49:24 when Jacob is blessing Joseph whom God guided through many difficult circumstances. Later, David wrote in Psalm 23 the famous words, "The LORD is my Shepherd I shall not want." The stories and writings of how God guided His people as their Shepherd were very familiar to all Jews who used the name when describing God.

Jesus called Himself the Good Shepherd (John 10:11) and the disciples viewed Him as such. He was their fearless leader and closest friend. As a result, the disciples were able to reproduce how Jesus lived in their own lives.

One morning when the disciples were out fishing, Jesus called out to them from the shore to cast their net on the right side of the boat. When they did this the nets were so heavy they could not bring all the fish in. They realized it was Jesus on the shore! Peter jumped out of the boat to go to Jesus. The rest stayed in the boat. When they got to land, Jesus already had a fire ready for them. He wanted to live life with them a little bit more. After breakfast, Jesus had some questions for Peter. This is where our story begins...

12min **Tell the story from John 21:15-19** *Remember to change up the storyteller often.*
Rebuild the story: *Group members retell the story based on what they remember.*
Read the story from John 21:15-19 *Ask the group to read these verses.*

Discussion Questions: learn to talk about God's Word with others...

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| Head Questions:
Quicker tempo. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you like or dislike about this story? • What does this story teach us about ourselves? • What does this story teach us about God? (Remember Jesus is God) |
| Heart & Hand Questions:
Slow down & wait! | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you need to apply this story to your life this week? • Who could retell the story for us? CHALLENGE: Tell the story to someone this week! |
- *Ask for a volunteer storyteller for next week. Close in prayer.*