

## **Dig Deeper @Home – “The Good Shepherd”**

### **Complement to sermon on 11/17/2019 – “A Shepherd that Pursues”**

#### **ICE BREAKER – ask these to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered**

1. If you drive a car, were you ever stopped by a police officer for speeding? If so, what happened?
2. Which of your possessions was recently lost? How did you go about looking for it?

#### **MEMORIZE – John 10: 14-16**

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

#### **READ Luke 15:1-10**

#### **Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. What sticks out to you in this passage?
2. What general observations can you make? Anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
3. What is this passage revealing about God?
4. What is it revealing about us as humans?
5. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?
6. Who is in Jesus’ audience? How do they respond to him?
7. How does Jesus’ parables of the sheep and the coin relate to the “muttering” of the Pharisees?

## **EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY - LOST COIN HUNT**

Have a member of your group hide a coin in a designated area and the rest of the group can search high and low for the coin. The person hiding the coin can say several times NOT TO GIVE UP and they will continue to search. If coin is not found right away, the one hiding the coin can say they are getting hot or cold to point the rest of the group in the right direction. After several turns of hiding the coin, discuss about how Jesus doesn't give up on us when we are lost. How does this compare to how God pursues us?

## **SING (suggested songs to sing. Use these or any song you might want to sing)**

**His Mercy is More** <https://youtu.be/CVTUPWpEbes>

**Goodness of God** <https://www.youtube.com> › watch

**Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead us – Mennonite Hymnal #572**

## **PRAY**

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

## **Sending prayer based on the lesson:**

As you go this week, may you go with the comfort that the LORD is your shepherd. May you turn to him at all times, trusting in Him and him alone to guide you. May you take great courage in the thought that He is pursuing you with his goodness and love.

Amen.