



TRAIN SHEPHERDS



Skill

Train Shepherds is identifying and equipping shepherds with fruit of the Holy Spirit, pastoral care, counseling, encouragement, and spiritual health.

Design

Train Shepherds (handshake/dove) > The handshake and flying dove illustrate the purpose of shepherds to cultivate a church culture of grace, peace, reconciliation, and healthy relationships and communication. The **sketch** is a heart illustrating the shepherd's passion of caring deeply for disciples so their hearts seek first Yahweh's kingdom and righteousness, and they will flourish.

Story

The Good Shepherd (John 10:1-21)

This story demonstrates Train Shepherds as a kingdom skill because we clearly see Jesus sharing a story of a faithful shepherd nurturing a flock of sheep to illustrate His leadership over His people. Jesus is the Good Shepherd, and He guides His people into the truth even though the reaction of many listening was to reject Him and decide that He was demon-possessed. Jesus said the sign of a true shepherd is the one who sacrifices everything for the flock.

Scriptures

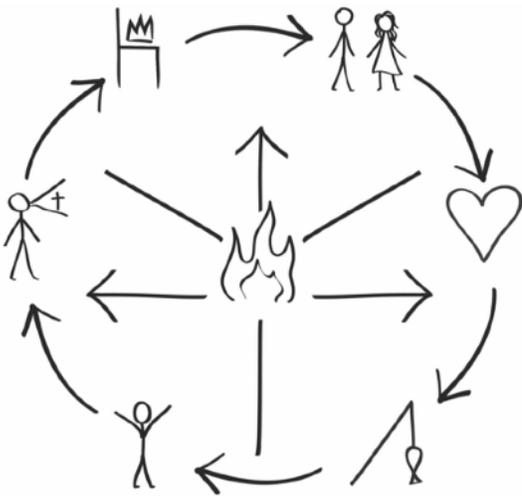
Psalm 23:1-3 > The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. He renews my life; He leads me along the right paths for His name's sake.

John 10:14-15 > I am the good shepherd. I know My own sheep, and they know Me, as the Father knows Me, and I know the Father. I lay down My life for the sheep.

Lesson Summary

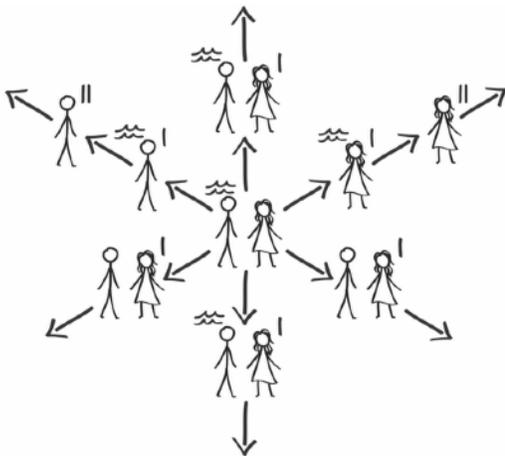
Train Shepherds requires the daily practice of the Holy Spirit's fruit. The fruit of the Spirit of Jesus are these: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-26). Jesus is our Great Shepherd, and His heart is to fully equip His disciples to fulfill the Father's will (Hebrews 13:20-21). Jesus is the Suffering Shepherd; He surrendered to Yahweh's plan to guide Him through persecution, crucifixion, and death so that we may be healed and live for righteousness (1 Peter 2:21-25). The Chief Shepherd requires compassionate stewardship from His leaders (1 Peter 5:1-4).

Gathering Guide



- Holy Spirit (fire): Let the Spirit guide your meeting.
- **Step One** (back arrow): Last week questions.
- Abide (worshipper): How did you abide last week?
- Harvest (witness): Whom did you share with?
- **Step Two** (up arrow): Discover this week's skill in Scripture as you discuss the Bible story.
- God (throne/crown): What do we learn about God?
- People (man/woman): What do we learn about people?
- Practice: Practice telling this week's story in groups.
- **Step Three** (forward arrow): Next week questions.
- Abide (heart): How will you abide?
- Harvest (fishing): Whom will you share with?

Generations Map



- People of Peace (people/arrows): Draw your disciples and their disciples. Share recent stories of how you and your team are engaging lost people.
- Baptism (waves): Update your map with those who have been baptized. What is the next step for each disciple who still needs to be baptized or become a baptizer by experience?
- Generations (number lines): Update your map with generations. How can we pray for this movement?