

THE NEXT LEADER

CENTRAL TRUTH

The Lord, our Good Shepherd, appoints people to lead and care for us.

KEY QUESTION

↑ **What do we learn from Moses's prayer (see vv. 16-17) and God's answer (see vv. 18-21)?**

Moses pleaded to the Lord for a shepherd to guide the Israelites. This passage shows us that God hears our requests. We are to trust and wait for God's plan to unfold. But through it all, we can praise Him for hearing us, knowing us, and leading us.

KEEP IN MIND

- Students may not see themselves as leaders because of their age. However, we all have people in our lives whom we influence—whether this may be younger siblings, teammates, or other teens in student ministry. Empower them with the reminder that, in Christ, they are not only the leaders of tomorrow but they can begin leading today!
- This week presents an excellent opportunity to encourage students to thank the leaders in their own lives. God has graciously placed people in our lives to love and guide us, and we need to make an effort to express our gratitude.

APPLICATION

- How can this passage teach us to encourage one another as we remember God's faithfulness in the past?

THE WIN

FOR THE STUDENT: We can entrust ourselves in the care of our Good Shepherd. He loves us and will guide us.

FOR THE LEADER: Remind students that the Lord is Our Shepherd, and He enables us to lead others in a way that reflects His goodness.

7 ARROWS

- ↻ What does this passage say?
- ↑ What does this passage tell us about God?
- ← What did this passage mean to its original audience?
- ↔ How does this passage change the way I relate to people?
- ↓ What does this passage tell us about the human heart?
- ↻ How does this passage prompt me to pray?
- What does this passage demand of me?