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Barna Research:

*How do  
people  
deal with  
spiritual  
doubt?*

- 45% Leave the Church
- 29% Stop reading their Bible
- 29% Stop Praying
- 25% Isolate themselves from Christian friends

Barna Research:

*Where do  
high  
school  
students  
turn in  
confusion  
or crisis?*

- #1 Music or friends
- #2 Internet
- #11 Mothers
- #25 Fathers

Whose Voice Do You Follow?

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**Since Jesus is the good shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep, you'd be crazy not to listen to Him.**

Jesus said again, “Truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep didn’t listen to them.

John 10:7-8



The word of the Lord came to me: “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel. Prophesy, and say to them, ‘This is what the Lord God says to the shepherds: Woe to the shepherds of Israel, who have been feeding themselves! Shouldn’t the shepherds feed their flock?’

You have not strengthened the weak,  
healed the sick, bandaged the injured,  
brought back the strays, or sought the  
lost.

Instead, you have ruled them with  
violence and cruelty. They were  
scattered for lack of a shepherd...

'This is what the Lord God says: Look, I am against the shepherds.

'For this is what the Lord God says: See, I myself will search for my flock and look for them.

I will look for my flock. I will rescue them...



I will shepherd them...I will tend them in good pasture...I will tend my flock and let them lie down. This is the declaration of the Lord God. I will seek the lost, bring back the strays, bandage the injured, and strengthen the weak... I will shepherd them with justice.

Ezekiel 34:1-16

I will establish over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will shepherd them. He will tend them himself and will be their shepherd. I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David will be a prince among them. I, the Lord, have spoken.

Ezekiel 10:23-24

Why should I listen to the voice of Jesus?



He is a good shepherd

I am the good shepherd... John 10:11

I am the good shepherd. John 10:14

- He finds good clean water for them.
- He leads them to good food.
- He keeps them from wandering away.
- He keeps them from danger.
- He brings them to safety every night.
- He talks to them and sings to them.
- The shepherd leads his sheep.

Jesus laid his life down for you

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

John 10:11



Jesus laid his life down for you  
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. I lay down my life for  
the sheep.

John 10:14-15

Jesus laid his life down for you

...because I lay down my life

John 10:17

I lay it down on my own.

John 10:18

1. Jesus' death was selfless.

For rarely will someone die for a just person—though for a good person perhaps someone might even dare to die. But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:7-8



## 2. Jesus' death was sacrificial

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## 2. Jesus' death was sacrificial

He made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

### 3. Jesus' death communicates value

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John 10:11

## 4. Jesus will never abandon you

The hired hand, since he is not the shepherd and doesn't own the sheep, leaves them and runs away when he sees a wolf coming. The wolf then snatches and scatters them. This happens because he is a hired hand and doesn't care about the sheep.

John 10:12-13

Jesus will never abandon you

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.

John 10:28

Jesus knows everything about you

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. I lay  
down my life for the sheep.

John 10:14-15



Jesus knows everything about you  
The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the  
sheep hear his voice. He calls his own  
sheep by name and leads them out. When  
he has brought all his own outside, he goes  
ahead of them. The sheep follow him  
because they know his voice.

John 10:3-4

Let us press on to know the Lord.

Hosea 6:3

Jesus wants to bring others around you to help

But I have other sheep that are not from this sheep pen; I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. Then there will be one flock, one shepherd.

John 10:16

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