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See Psalm 23

1. The Good Shepherd CARES for me.

Acknowledge that the Lord is God! He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Psalm 100:3 (NLT)

How does the Good Shepherd care for me?

- Brings PEACE and protection.

I myself will tend my sheep and give them a place to lie down in peace. Ezekiel 34:15 (NLT)

- SEARCHES and brings me home.

I will search for my lost ones who strayed away, and I will bring them safely home again. Ezekiel 34:16 (NLT)

- Never ABANDONS me

Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. Psalm 23:4 (NLT)

- He RESTORES me spiritually.

He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name. Psalm 23:3 (NLT)

All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all. Isaiah 53:6

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep." John 10:11 (NLT)

"I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep. I have other sheep, too, that are not in this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They will listen to my voice, and there will be one flock with one shepherd. John 10:14-16 (NLT)

2. The Good Shepherd SACRIFICED His life to SAVE me.

"If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them wanders away, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others on the hills and go out to search for the one that is lost? And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he will rejoice over it more than over the ninety-nine that didn't wander away! In the same way, it is not my heavenly Father's will that even one of these little ones should perish. Matthew 18:12-14 (NLT)

For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost. Luke 19:10 (NLT)

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand. The Father and I are one." John 10:27-30 (NLT)

Now may the God of peace - who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, and ratified an eternal covenant with his blood - may he equip you with all you need for doing his will. May he produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to him. All glory to him forever and ever! Amen. Hebrews 13:20-21 (NLT)

Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever. Psalms 23:6

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Have you ever had to “herd” a group of people? What happened and what was hard about it?

What stood out and impacted you from the message this weekend?

Read Psalm 23...

1. What does it mean to you that the Good Shepherd provides all that you need?
2. Verse 2 says that the Shepherd brings me to places of rest and leads me to places of peace. How have you seen Him do that in your life? How do we get here when life seems stressful and chaotic?
3. Where does your strength need renewing right now?
4. Share a time you were in a dark valley. Did you sense God's presence, or did you feel alone and isolated? What is his "rod and staff" and how does that protect and comfort us?
5. Verse 5 acknowledges that we do have enemies. How do you find nourishment and fulfillment in the midst of enemy territory? What is God's promise in these difficult times?
6. When you think of heaven and living in the "house of the Lord forever", how does it make you feel? Anxious, excited, etc? What do you think the Good Shepherd wants you to experience?

Read through Psalm 23 slowly together as a group. What is one phrase that you want to take with you throughout the coming season?

WEEK 8

