



Who Is Our Shepherd?

SUMMARY:

Throughout the Bible we see God described as our shepherd. In particular throughout this series, we will focus on Psalm 23. Through this Psalm we learn who God is—a faithful shepherd who is always with us, caring for us, and providing for us. This psalm also tells us about ourselves. If God is a Shepherd, then we are the sheep. This means we are in need of an ever-present caretaker and protector. Thankfully, this is what God is for us—a close and constant presence in our lives.

This is comforting because it means we have a God who understands our ups and our downs. We have a God who walks with us in our joys and in our sorrows. We don't have to offer up explanations because He already knows. We don't have to recount our needs because He already knows and already meets them. We don't have to wonder if we are alone because we have assurance that God is always with us. Rest in the comfort of the arms of your Good Shepherd.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Upward:

Read Psalm 23 as a group aloud. What are the different parts of the psalm that stand out to you?

What are the different ways God shows us His character in these verses?

Inward:

When was the last time you “laid down in green pastures”? What does it look like to rest in your life? (Not physical rest, but spiritual rest)

What are some ways God has provided in your life? Share with your group as you remember God's provision with gratitude.

Outward:

How can you reach out to other “lost sheep” to share about God's care and provision? Perhaps there is someone in your workplace, neighborhood, or even your own home that needs this comforting message today.