

The Lord Is My Shepherd (Week One): "Knowing The Shepherd"

Psalm 23

Who Is The Shepherd?					
1)					
2)					
What Is The Shepherd Like?					
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Where Is The Shepherd?					
1)	us				
2)	us				
3)	us				



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Study Guide

- 1) Why is it important to "fight against familiarity" when it comes to passages that we've heard taught before?
- 2) What two things does the word "LORD" tell us about who God is? Why are both important? For you, personally, which one of the two is easier for you to believe?
- 3) What comes to mind when you hear that God is described as a Shepherd?
- 4) Pastor Ryan listed some examples from the text about how we can know that this Shepherd is actually good. In what ways have you seen God demonstrate these characteristics in your own life? For example, how have you seen God...

	-Provide?	-Care?	-Lead?	-Restore?	-Comfort
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- 5) We all wrestle with wanting to take charge and lead our own lives, make our own decisions, and pursue our own will. Why is embracing this idea so dangerous? What are some areas in your life right now where you need to trust in and submit to God's leadership?
- 6) A lot of Christians struggle with seeing themselves the way God sees them. In verse 5-6 there is a great picture of how God values the relationship He has with us (ie. He celebrates us, He sees us valuable, He blesses us in abundance, He constantly pursues us with goodness and mercy). Which of these do you need to believe in more in regards to how God sees you?
- 7) Think of a difficult time/situation/circumstance when you knew God was with you. How did He make His presence felt? How did He sustain you through it? How can you use that to truth to glorify and honor Him?
- 8) We can ultimately know the Shepherd if we know Jesus. Do you know Him? What tangible steps can you take this week that puts you in a position to tell others about Him?
- 9) Re-Read Psalm 23 each day this week. Be encouraged, strengthened, and reassured that "The LORD is my Shepherd."