



The Lord is My Shepherd A Psalm of David.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

FOR THOUGHT & TALK

Take no more than 5 minutes to quickly review the main points from Pastor Kellan's message. As you discuss the questions, don't expect to answer all of them. Just discuss the ones your group would most like to explore together. Remember, the goal of your small group is to grow together relationally, to **apply** God's Word to our daily living, and to pray for one another and our church.

1. The relationship between shepherd and sheep is one of deep reliance. Sheep need their shepherd the same way that we are totally reliant upon God. What do you rely on God for? What are you holding from Him that you need to give into His care? How would that change things for you?
2. What are some things that you want but don't actually need? How do we develop habits that will help us curb our desire for frivolous things?
3. Read **Ex 20:8-11**, **Ps 62:1-2** & **Matt 11:28-30**. What role does rest play in the Christian walk? How good are you at practicing this concept of rest? How might you as a group encourage one another to build healthy practices of finding restoration in God?
4. How have you seen God act as a protector in your life while you were in the "valleys of the shadow of death?" What would you want to tell someone who feels as if they are there right now?
5. Why is it important that God not only provides the basics, but that He goes above and beyond that and celebrates us as well? What are some things in your life that are worth celebrating?
6. What is one place you never wanted to leave as a child? How would you compare that to what you understand of Heaven?