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Theme: The Lord is My Shepherd

Passage: Psalm 23:1-3

Main Call of Psalm 23:

Trust the Lord to shepherd your life.

Why?

- 1. He provides us with everything we need (1–3).
 - a. Sustenance (2a): He provides what we need for life.
 - b. Rest (2b): He leads us to rest.
 - o Result: Spiritual Refreshment (3a)
 - c. Guidance (3b): He directs us into His will to do what is right.
 - o Reason/Result: He is glorified (3c).

Application Questions:

- What does the imagery of shepherd/sheep indicate to us about God? About ourselves?
- Why does it seem that our experience in life doesn't match the description that we see here concerning God's provision and guidance?
- Do we as sheep bear any responsibility or need to do anything to experience God's shepherding care and provision? If so, what?
- How do these verses clarify our understanding of provision and rest?
- What does v. 3 teach us about finding God's will for our lives?
- How does God's work and role as Shepherd impact His reputation? How should that impact the way we live?

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