

The LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

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Bible Passage: Psalm 23

Introduction:

Big Idea: Only the person who says, “the LORD is my SHEPHERD” gets the _____ of the Psalm 23 promises!

#1-The LORD is our _____ (Psalm 23)

- The shepherd is more than a sheep _____
- The shepherd is a _____, a leader, a provider and a _____

#2-The LORD is our shepherd, and we are _____ (Psalm 23)

- Sheep _____ a shepherd
- Sheep are _____
- Sheep are _____

#3-As the Shepherd, the LORD will care for us through all our life (Psalm 23)

- We rest in His _____ (1)
- We follow His _____ (2-3)
- We walk without _____ (4)
- We trust His _____ (5)
- We depend on His _____ (6a)
- We dwell with Him _____ (6b)

TRUTH INTO ACTION

- Only those who say “The LORD is my shepherd” can say “I will not want.” **Trust in Jesus to be your good shepherd!**
- The promises of Psalm 23 are meant to be OURS ALL THE WAY THROUGH LIFE. **Make them your own!**

Fighter Memory Verse --

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Isaiah 40:28-29

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.

Pray first†



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily for Jesus. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

This lesson is a follow up to the sermon. Please take the time this week to work through it in your community group or around your own kitchen table.

Warm Up: Have you ever gone to great care to get something just right and then had somebody else destroy it? How did you respond?

1. Psalm 23:1 talks about God being a shepherd to David.
 - What do you know about shepherds?
 - How does David's association fit your understanding of God?
 - David says the Lord is his shepherd. How does this set the tone for Psalm 23?
 - What do you sense David wants to accomplish by calling Yahweh (LORD) his shepherd?
2. Read Psalm 23:2-3 and then explore the words that speak of God's provision or care for his sheep.
 - How does the psalmist describe God's willful activity in providing for his sheep?
 - David describes various actions that shepherds would perform to provide care for sheep. What stands out to you as the most impressive image of God's care?
3. Psalm 23:4 speaks of walking through "the darkest valley" while experiencing God's presence. **We often see God use the hardest of times in our lives to reveal Himself.**
 - Think about a difficult season when you felt God's presence more clearly. How does this truth encourage you about current or future challenges?
4. Read Psalm 23:5-6 and notice the ways God does things to help us face our enemies or dark times in our lives.
 - Given what you know about the story of David, what were some of the dark valleys that God led him through?
 - How might God set up a table in the presence of our enemies? What does it say about God that He would do this for us?

Prayer: Father thank you for Psalm 23 that teaches me the reality of having You walk with me forever. Thank you, that John 10 reveals Jesus, to be the good shepherd who laid down His life for His sheep. Help me to trust Jesus today and forever. In the sweet name of Jesus I pray, Amen!