

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

Our Good Shepherd

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Big Idea: Contentment is found in the care of the Good Shepherd

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need.

² He lets me rest in green meadows;

he leads me beside peaceful streams.

³ He renews my strength.

He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.

*⁴ Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid,
for you are close beside me.*

Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies.

You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings.

*⁶ Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life,
and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.*

Jesus, the Good Shepherd - John 10

¹² "A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don't belong to him and he isn't their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because he's working only for the money and doesn't really care about the sheep."

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep.

¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, ¹⁵ just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep, too, that are not in this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They will listen to my voice, and there will be one flock with one shepherd.

*The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service
are from the New Living Translation (NLT).*



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 - How have we lived as **servants** to one another or to our world this past week? What needs or opportunities to serve is God asking us to lean into?
 - How have we lived **on mission** where we live, work, play, or went this past week? Who do we know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?
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- 3) How *content* would you say you are in life right now? What would a life of contentment look like?
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- 5) Which verse in Psalm 23 describes something you need in life right now? How have you been seeking this from the good shepherd?
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