

GROWING DEEPER

Engage

How has your summer been so far? What is your favorite summer activity (camping, hiking, traveling, swimming, etc.)?

Psalms 23 is one of the most famous passages in the entire Bible and it deals with fear. As a child, how were you taught to deal with fear? How did your parents model this for you?

Explore

In Psalm 23, David uses the analogy of God as our shepherd. What does the shepherd do according to this text? In Psalm 23:3, why does God lead us in paths of righteousness? What is the connection between God's guidance and his name?

In Psalm 23:4 David finds comfort in both the shepherd's rod and staff; what is the purpose of these objects and how do they show us the character of God?

Psalm 23:5 describes a banquet in the midst of his enemies. If God does not promise to remove all the dangers or sadness of life, how can we have peace and live without fear? How does God *anoint* us as Christians? In what ways does a Christian *dwell in the house of the Lord forever* because of the New Covenant?

Apply

How would you define trust? How is trust built and how is it undermined? In what areas do you have the hardest time trusting God? God as our shepherd is one of the most poetic and powerful passages of all of scripture; what are other analogies of our relationship with God that you deeply appreciate and why?

What "valley of the shadow of death" has God walked you through and what is a creative way you can express your praise, trust and reliance on him?



PSALM 23

Message by Michael Hearn

We are glad you joined us this morning! If you are visiting, please do not feel obligated to give when the offering comes by. We simply desire that you will experience God's presence.

THIS WEEK

COMING SOON

FINANCES

Sunday, July 30	HP	Felida	Total
Weekly Budget	\$26,332.85	\$8,777.62	\$35,110.47
Weekly Offering	\$25,986.97	\$9,580.50	\$35,567.47
Over / Under	-\$345.88	\$802.88	\$457.00

CARE GROUPS

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