



Welcome!

SERIES: I'M A NAMEDROPPER

Today's Message: ROHI: The Lord is My Shepherd

Dr. Lance D. Watson, Senior Pastor

PRAYER: God, you are the Good Shepherd, and we are grateful that we can trust you with our lives. Thank you for your leadership and Sovereignty. Thank you for your guidance and care. Thank you that you restore our souls, give us peace, and bring us hope in all of our tomorrows. Thank you for your protection and strength that surrounds us like a shield. Thank you that we never have to fear. Thank you for your goodness and love that follows after us, chases us, even when we were unaware. We praise you for the assurance that we will dwell with you forever. In Jesus' name. Amen.

ICEBREAKER: Everybody has a “want” somewhere in their lives. What’s one thing you “want” right now that you can share with this group?

MESSAGE RECAP: Psalm 23 may be the most well-known and beloved of all the Psalms. In it, David uses his experience as a shepherd to describe the many ways God shows his love for us. Every line conveys David’s confidence in God’s goodness now and in the life to come. Why do you think this psalm has such an impact on people? What line of this psalm resonates with you the most and why? Have you come to know God as Jehovah-Rohi?

SCRIPTURE: Read Psalms 23 (NKJV)

DISCUSSION:

1. **What was your biggest takeaway from the message?** What’s one thing you learned? What questions came to mind as you listened to the message today? What points did you find most insightful? How did the message challenge you?
1. **Shepherds CARE.** Do you believe God cares about what’s going on in your life? Why or why not? What effect does it have on you to say that God is not just our shepherd, but my shepherd? What difference does (or could) that distinction make in your daily life? In what areas do you have the hardest time trusting God?
2. **Shepherds COVER.** The world tells us if we want something, we have to get it ourselves. In what ways have you gone along with that belief in the past? What have you learned from going it alone, or trusting in something besides God? What do you think you need most right now? When has what you wanted, ended up being different from what you really needed? How did God show you he had other plans? Explain.
3. **Shepherds CONTROL.** Looking back, can you see how God protected you during a time of trial—when you were walking through a dark valley? Explain. The Shepherd’s rod offers to the sheep protection and his staff provides guidance. What forms have the rod and staff of God taken in your life?

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4. **Shepherds CONTINUE.** Are you walking into a valley, in the midst of one, or coming out of one? Do you ever ask God why you can't just bypass the valley? Why do you think you've been led through certain valleys? What has God done or taught you in the valley that you wouldn't have learned if things were great, and you stayed on top of the mountain? Does that experience make you more likely to trust God in the future? When have you felt God's presence the most? Where is God leading you? How can this small group support you?

CHALLENGE: What is one "a-ha" moment you had in our group discussion today. Note it and write it down. If you applied your learning from this week's message, how would the next week be different for you?

SERVE: How is God calling us to live out this message this week? As individuals? As a group?

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Take this time to share group announcements. Church wide and campus specific announcements can be found at myspbc.org. You can also connect with us at facebook.com/myspbc, instagram.com/myspbc and twitter.com/MySPBC_online. Turn on your notifications.

CELEBRATIONS: Take this time to share praise reports (e.g., answered prayers, birthdays, anniversaries, promotions).

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYER: Take this time to share prayer requests. Close with prayer.

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We Care!

A large, solid red heart is positioned behind the text 'We Care!', with the heart's center overlapping the letter 'e'.

NOTICE: PLEASE BE PATIENT AS WE GRADUALLY REOPEN OUR CAMPUSES IN THE SAFEST MANNER POSSIBLE. As a small group leader, we depend on you to show members that we care. Here's a list of resources to help you.

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CALL: 804.463.2472
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CALL: 804.304.3890 (For Emergencies)
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TO FIND A SUPPORT GROUP:

CALL: 804.643.6177
EMAIL: Barnabas@myspbc.org.

TO CONTACT MY LIFE STAGE PASTOR:

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