



Crosspoint Church

AfterWords

Weekly Study: Summer in the Psalms- The Lord is My Shepherd



Overview

This study focuses on the heart of God as a Shepherd who pursues, provides, restores, protects, and blesses His people. Although we often wander, the Shepherd never does. He leads us into peace, walks with us through valleys, prepares blessings even in the presence of enemies, and fills our lives with goodness and mercy. This message is a picture of God's faithful care from beginning to end.



Scripture

Psalm 23:1–6 | Isaiah 53:6 | Luke 15:4 | Luke 19:10 | Philippians 4:19 | Ephesians 3:20



Key Points

The Shepherd Pursues and Provides

- **God comes after us when we wander.** Like sheep, we drift into worry, fear, or discouragement. God actively seeks us, guides us back, and cares for us.
- **God meets our needs and brings peace.** When David says, "*I shall not want*," he is declaring confidence in God's provision. The Shepherd leads us to places of rest, clarity, and calm, showing that His care is both practical and personal.

The Shepherd Restores and Protects

- **The Shepherd heals what life has drained.** The Bible states, "*He restores my soul*." Psalm 23:3 shows that restoration is part of His nature. He restores hope, strength, faith, peace, and purpose. He does not simply fix situations. He restores people.
- **The Shepherd walks with us through valleys.** Psalm 23:4 says, "*I will fear no evil, for You are with me*." His rod corrects and His staff guides. He protects us from danger and even from ourselves. The valley is not permanent. We walk through it because the Shepherd is present and active.

The Shepherd Blesses and Secures Your Future

- **God prepares blessings in difficult places.** Psalm 23:5 says, "*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies*." God does not always remove enemies. He blesses His people in front of them. He anoints with oil, symbolizing empowerment and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

- **The Shepherd ensures goodness and mercy follow us.** Psalm 23:6 promises that goodness and mercy will follow us all our days. The Shepherd secures our future and welcomes us into His house forever.



Reflection



Where have you noticed yourself wandering, and how has the Shepherd pursued you?



What part of your soul needs restoration today?



How does God's goodness and mercy shape your response to hard moments?



Prayer

Lord, thank You for being my Shepherd. Thank You for pursuing me when I wander, providing for me when I lack, restoring me when I am weary, and walking with me through every valley. Help me trust Your leading, rest in Your presence, and live with confidence in Your goodness and mercy. Amen.

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