

PSALMS

Psalms 23 | I Shall Not Want | Sunday, August 2, 2026

(5-10 min) *Optional Ice Breaker: Who was your favorite teacher in school as a child? What made them so special?*

LEADERS: Please share these announcements with your Home Group!

Announcements

Promotion Sundae, Sunday, August 9, between services: **Promotion Sundae** is the day when incoming kindergarteners move up to K Camp and incoming 1st–5th graders move to their new KidCity classrooms. We will celebrate with ice cream sundaes in the foyer after both services! Join us for this fun Sundae!

Read God's Word Aloud

Psalms 23:1-3 (ESV)

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Discuss God's Word and God's World

Important: The goal is to use this Guide to spark sanctifying conversation and opportunities for intercessory prayer, not to “get through” every question like a checklist. Feel free to linger on the questions that best facilitate that for your group.

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Start here: *Take a few moments to share and reflect together on what stood out to you from this week's Bible passage and the sermon about it.*

1. David writes from the perspective of being a sheep that truly knows the shepherd. Looking closely at verses 1–3, what specific actions is the Shepherd taking on behalf of the sheep, and what posture is required of the sheep in response?
 2. In John 10, Jesus explicitly calls Himself the "Good Shepherd" who lays down His life for the sheep. How does seeing Jesus as the ultimate fulfillment of Psalm 23 change how we view His authority and leadership in our lives today? What makes Him different from any other "shepherd" or leader we might follow?
 3. It's one thing to read verse 1 out loud, or even sing it. It's another thing altogether to believe it. Where in your life right now (finances, relationships, health, career, or waiting seasons) are you tempted to believe the Shepherd is withholding something good from you?
 4. When we doubt the Shepherd's goodness, we often try to "shepherd ourselves" through control, anxiety, or chasing worldly comforts. What false shepherds are you prone to running to when your soul feels restless, and how does the cross assure us that God can be trusted with our needs? *As we discuss these things, consider a moment for confession and repentance.*
 5. Verse 2–3 speaks of rest ("green pastures," "still waters," "restores my soul"). In a culture that values busyness and self-reliance, what is one tangible way you can practice stopping to rest in Christ's provision this week (e.g., Sabbath, silent prayer, Scripture meditation, fasting from news/social media)? Discuss how these work as an individual, and how they can work as a home group.
 6. We rarely drift into discontentment alone, and we shouldn't try to find rest alone either. How can we as a Home Group actively help each other guard against discontentment and remember the Shepherd's goodness in the coming weeks? How can we pray for you specifically in your area of "want" tonight?
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Sanctificational Prayer Guidance

Heavenly Father, thank You for being our Shepherd who knows us, cares for us, and provides for every need.

Ask God to teach you to rely on His wisdom instead of our own.

Lord, lead us beside still waters, fill us with Your peace and quiet our anxious hearts.

Family Memory Verse of the Month for August

Only fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you.

1 Samuel 12:24 (ESV)