
SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,

3 he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.

TWO QUESTIONS:

1. Where in my life do I need to let the Lord shepherd me?
2. What name of God has shepherded me most throughout this series? Why?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Do you know why and how your parents picked your name? Share the story with the group if you know it.

As we have studied the names of God, which one has been most significant to you in this time?

Where do you see the other names of God in this passage of Scripture (Psalm 23)?

In this passage, God is talked about as the Good Shepherd. Everyone in that time knew what a shepherd was/did. Do you think there would be a good role in today's society that would be comparable?

Has the Lord ever had to "make you lie down in green pastures?" What did that look like?

Has He ever lead you by quiet waters?

It says in verse 3 that He does all this for His name's sake. Why do you think that is?

Why do you think this Psalm is used at many funerals?

Where do you see the presence of God in this passage as we walk through the darkest seasons?

How have you seen His presence with you as you walk through dark valleys?