



Psalm 23

Psalm 23:1 – Shepherd

- Psalm 23:1-6, _____

- What do you hope to take away from this in depth look at Psalm 23?

- **Main Idea:** When the Lord is our shepherd, we lack nothing of what we truly need in life.

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- **Head Change:** To know that every shepherd other than God is a thief who cannot deliver on the longings of our hearts.

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- **Heart Change:** To be comforted by the gracious provision of God regardless of the circumstances in which we find ourselves in this world.

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- **Life Change:** To abandon whatever false shepherds tempt us away from following the Lord.

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Personal Reflection & Application

- When you think about God, what are some of the titles for Him that immediately come to mind? How do you typically describe Him to others?

- What comes to mind when you think about the term “shepherd”?

- How does the idea of God as your shepherd fit into your current perspective of God? In what ways should it change the way you think about God?

- What characteristics of Jesus stand out to you the most based on how John describes Him in John 10:1-18? How do those characteristics compare to the way David describes the Lord in Psalm 23?

- What are some examples of ways your personal desires have led you astray from following Jesus? What about culture? Relationships?

- What kept you from remaining focused on Jesus in the times when you were led astray? What did you desire from those other “shepherds” that you did not think Jesus could supply?

- Where do you find yourself lacking today? What can you do to pursue Jesus as your provider rather than following another false shepherd?

Go Deeper

Read more about the highs and lows of David's life in the following verses:

1 Samuel 17:1-58

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 11:1-12:23



What did you learn about David from these passages that you did not know before?



In what ways do they help you relate to David as a human being?



How could a deeper understanding of David's life shape the way you relate to his words in Psalm 23?

Live It Out!

- Memorize!
 - Over the course of this study, commit to memorizing all of Psalm 23. This week, focus on verse one reciting it to yourself over the next few days.
- Pray!
 - Set aside some time to ask the Lord to reveal to you any of the ways you are following false shepherds. As He does, boldly turn away from them in order to commit yourself fully to following God alone.
- Resolve!
 - As you begin this study, resolve to reach the point in your relationship with the Lord that you are able to say, like David, “I lack nothing.” Whatever needs, longings, or desires that you have bring them to God and find them met in Him.
- God Deeper!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Community Book Exchange** – Third Saturday of every month :: Next date: Saturday, September 19th from 11am to 3pm
- **Prayer Walk** – Every 2nd Monday of the month :: Next date: Monday, September 8th at 5:30pm
- **Love Life – Girl’s Night In: *Your Invited!*** :: Friday, Sept. 11th at 6:00pm
- **Faithlife Giving** – Tithes & Giving. Go to www.TheGatheringBV.com/giving
- **New Sermon Series: *Walking in Truth, Surrounded by Lies***

- **Weekly Prayer**

- Church: _____

- Businesses: _____

- **Announcement Notes:** _____
