

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

PSALMS: The Prayers & Praises of God's People - Psalm 23:1-6 - Our Good Shepherd - 09.01.2024

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. As you read David's words in Psalm 23:1-6, how does your view of the Lord line up with what David has written about Him here?
Does how you live your life reflect the view you claim to hold of who our Lord is? Why or why not, and why does this matter?
Do you experience the same benefits that David outlines here with the Lord as your shepherd?
How does John 10 help to illuminate who our Shepherd is, the relationship between Jesus & the Father, and all it means for us?
Where specifically in Psalm 23 do you see Jesus, the Good Shepherd, accomplishing what is written for us?
3. How does David respond when in the darkest and most difficult of circumstances in his life?
What reasons does he give in verse 4 for responding in this way?
How does the reality of the God's presence with you impact you when you face potentially fear-inducing situations?
What is his reaction to the rod and the staff of the shepherd and how they are used to both protect AND correct the sheep?
How might this apply to our lives, as we follow the Good Shepherd and he provides protection & correction for us?
How does God's correction (think discipline) reveal His love for us and ultimately lead to comfort for us?
What's the relationship between our repentance & being comforted by the Lord? What other Scripture truths inform us?
** Remember that this Hebrew word, literally means "SIGH" and is translated most often as comfort and almost as often as repentance.*
As you reflect on your own life, are there places where the Lord is drawing you to repent and be met with His comfort?
4. As you consider what's written in verses 5 & 6, how do they encourage you specifically at this time in your life and forevermore?
How is God's goodness & mercy following you - revealed to you as He leads you, & revealed to others who follow you?
5. As you look back on our time going through various Psalms this summer, what has been a specific takeaway for you and why?
How does that "takeaway" impact your relationship with Jesus and how you live your life each day?

6. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?

BECAUSE THE LORD IS OUR SHEPHERD:

We are under his constant care!

We're led in the right way which leads to rest!

We can live without fear because He's with us!

Goodness & love follow us as we follow Jesus!

We will dwell with the Lord forevermore!

CONSIDER ALL HIS BENEFITS & FOLLOW HIM!!