

1. Shepherding and sheep is a major theme in the Bible. Where else in the Bible are these mentioned? (Google "verses about shepherding in the Bible," if you need to.)

2. Read Psalm 23:1-3. In what ways do you "lie down in green pastures" or drink from "still waters?"

Would you say you are "full" from doing this? If not, what prevents you from becoming "full?"

3. Read Psalm 23:3. If "for his name's sake" is referring to God's glory, what happens when we overlook or ignore God's glory as a reason for God's actions? What gets twisted or distorted?

4. Read Psalm 23:1-4. What would a shepherd lead sheep through a "valley of the shadow of death?" Why would God lead us through one (or two, or three)?

5. What is the picture or image that comes to your mind when you read Psalm 23:5? How does this image encourage, comfort, or challenge you?

6. Read Psalm 23:6. How should we understand this verse in moments when we don't feel or see goodness, mercy, or steadfast love?

7. How does Psalm 23 line up with Jesus's words in John 10:1-18? How does one passage enhance what the other is revealing about Jesus?

8. Are there ways that you are resisting being shepherd by God? What needs to change?