

Sermon Discussion Questions: Trusting the Shepherd's Path (Psalm 23)
March 15th, 2020

1. What in the sermon encouraged you, comforted you, challenged you, or informed you?

2. Look throughout Psalm 23, what are various ways the Good Shepherd cares for His people?

3. Psalm 23 tells us that God our shepherd leads us His people to green pastures, beside still waters and in paths of righteousness *for His name's sake*. God leads us for His reputation. How does God seeking His glory and reputation also assure us that God is seeking our good?

4. Psalm 23:4 says, “4Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.” As we navigate through this Coronavirus season, what fears are you facing? Pastor David reminded us that God leads us through difficult times, but does not leave us alone in difficult times. We know this because Jesus Himself entered the greatest darkness of death as He died on the cross and shed His blood for our sins. How does this verse help us as Christians navigate this season with comfort and confidence?

5. What opportunities do you have this week to show practical actions of love to those who are filled with fear due to the coronavirus? List out some names and possible needs they may have that you could address with your friends and family.

Pray Psalm 23 together as a group letting the structure and phrases guide you along in prayer. I have also included a song version of Psalm 23 below which you can sing to the tune Crimond. You can use this recording to help sing at this link: https://opc.org/hymn.html?hymn_id=705.

Also consider reading these Psalms to prepare for next week:

3/15 Psalm 23

3/16 Psalm 35:1-14

3/17 Psalm 35:15-28

3/18 Psalm 44:1-14

3/19 Psalm 44:15-26

3/20 Psalm 86



The Lord's My Shepherd

CRIMOND

Psalm 23
Scottish Psalter, 1650

Jessie Seymour Irvine, 1781

1. The Lord's my Shep - herd, I'll not want; he makes me
2. My soul he doth re - store a - gain; and me to
3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I
4. My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in pres - ence
5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly

down to lie in pas - tures green; he
walk doth make with - in the paths of
fear no ill, for thou art with me;
of my foes; my head thou dost with
fol - low me: and in God's house for -

lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
ev - er more my dwell - ing place shall be.