



Sermon Growth Guide

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What David Knew - Shepherd

Psalm 23

Key Verse: Psalm 23:1

“The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.”

Big Idea: It is right to listen to Jesus, our Good Shepherd.

Foundations

Our new series centers around King David seeing the character and care of Christ Jesus through his relationship with the Triune God of Scripture, Yahweh, who is one in essence, distinct in person: Father, Son, Spirit.

This week we turn to Psalm 23, which begins with one of the most famous lines of poetry of all time, “The Lord is my shepherd.” Tragically, we don’t always hear the Lord’s voice in our lives. Pastor Tim lists six possible reasons we may be missing God’s full counsel in our daily living:

1. Too Much Noise
2. Willful Disobedience
3. Passive Disobedience
4. No Voice Recognition
5. In a Bad Flock
6. Not in a Good Flock

Using either the sermon manuscript or your own sermon notes, take time to understand each of these ways in which we can miss the voice of God in our lives.

Together with your circle, pray that God will use this time together to further heal you and equip you for the joyous mission of walking as the salt of the earth, the light of the world. Rejoice together that you have a Good Shepherd to follow each and every day.

Understanding God’s Word

Read and discuss David’s call in 1 Samuel 16:1-13.

What reason is given for David being “a man after God’s own heart” in Acts 13:22?

Read and reflect on Psalm 23 and then share with one another what strikes you most from this Psalm in your current season of life.

Applying God’s Word

It is right to listen to Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Yet our lives can so quickly become filled with so many distractions. When this happens, we stop following our Good Shepherd, which puts ourselves and others in harm’s way. Referring to the list to the left as a guide, identify where you struggle to listen to Jesus and discern together ways to set healthier patterns for your life.

Witnessing God’s Word

Jesus is the Good Shepherd. What joy to be able to share with others that there is a Good Shepherd! How might you lean in toward someone around you this week and share that there is a Good Shepherd and He is approachable and full of joy and hope?

No matter where you are, there is a Psalm to reach you and lead you back home to God.