



Sacred Names. Sacred Truths

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Psalm 23

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1. This psalm has meant a great deal to many people for different reasons. How has it helped and comforted you in the past?
2. (v1-2) Spring. Matt said that sheep cannot lie down if they are fearful, out of community, plagued by parasites or ticks, or are hungry. What would be the equivalent issues for us? How can we address these issues in our lives and the lives of our Christian friends?
3. Can you echo the psalmist and say you lack nothing? Read John 10:7-10. Jesus tells us he came to give us a full life. What would that look like for you? Do you need to slow down and find the rest given by God? How can you do that?
4. (v3) Summer. Share with the group any mountaintop experiences you have had. How did these prepare you for coming back down? What challenges could you set yourself so that you can experience a closer walk with God?
5. (v4) Autumn. The shepherd carries a rod (*to fight off wild animals, count the sheep and prod them into the sheepfold at night*) and a staff (*to keep the sheep moving, pull the back from harm, or guide them on the right path*). How does Jesus, our good shepherd, use these tools in our lives?

#### The Shepherd's Rod and Staff



6. (v5-6) Winter. The shepherd ensures that his sheep are brought safely home. How much do you reflect on the promise of eternity? Read John 14:1-3. How should we live our lives between now and then?
7. What season are you in? Pray for each other's needs and challenges. Praise God for his faithfulness and love.