

# SERMON OUTLINE Psalm 23

Led By the Good Shepherd

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***Intro***

***The LORD is my Shepherd (vs 1)***

***Abundant Life (vs 2-3)***

***Secure Life (vs 4)***

***Joyful Life (vs 5-6)***

***Find rest and comfort in the Good Shepherd***

# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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## MAIN POINT

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The Main Point is that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, leads us with His good and gracious hand through this life and into forever. He knows His sheep, He knows the path, and He is faithful to ensure that the whole flock will make it to the House of the Lord. The takeaway for us is to trust and rest in the Good Shepherd.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Have you taken time to read, contemplate, and apply the deep truths of this familiar Psalm in your life in the past?
3. Which type of life that the Shepherd provides is difficult to see, understand, or believe in? (Abundant, Secure, Joyful)
4. Have you thought about the LORD being your shepherd in the past? Does this change the way you understand circumstances in your life currently or in the past? How will you view the coming day tomorrow, considering Yahweh is your shepherd?
5. David writes that God's goodness and mercy pursue him all the days of his life. Where have you seen God's goodness and mercy beyond the salvation that He provides through Christ? How can we recognize God's goodness and mercy?
6. How can you take one step closer to Jesus, the Good Shepherd, this week and help one other person at Grace Church do the same?

## AREAS OF APPLICATION

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7. Take time this week to read through and pray this Psalm individually, as a family, and as a DG. Seek ways to live in light of being in the flock of God by loving, praying for, and encouraging fellow sheep.
8. Reflect on circumstances currently that are causing you to not "lie down by green pastures and still waters." Seek ways to remove them, pray to overcome them, and ask a fellow brother or sister to help you find rest in Jesus.
9. Read through John 10 and compare Jesus with the Shepherd in Psalm 23. See and rejoice that you know the Shepherd and He knows you.
10. Encourage two people to share what God has done in their walk with Him this week and how you can pray for them in the coming week from your DG.

## PRAYER POINTS

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11. Adoration. Praise God for His wisdom and love to shepherd you. Praise Jesus for His nurturing love and mercy and His willingness to lay down His life for His sheep. Praise God for preparing a Home for you.
12. Confess. Confess ways that you have not trusted in Christ and rested in the salvation that He has bought by His blood. Confess ways that you have not received and rested in the good news of the gospel this past week.
13. Thanksgiving. Thank the LORD for His mighty work of redemption through His Son, Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. Thank Him for His providence and sufficient grace. Thank Jesus for walking with you on the good path of righteousness, the dark valley of death, and His faithfulness to bring you to a new day with new mercies for your good and His glory.
14. Supplication. Ask God to stir in your heart true worship. Ask Him to guide you in the priority of personal worship (individual) and corporate worship (Sunday gathering). Ask the LORD to grant opportunities to plug into a DG, share the good news of Jesus with an unbeliever this week, and ways that you can connect on a deeper level at Grace Church.