Sermon Discussion Guide:
Who is Your Shepherd?

Sunday, May 14, 2023
Scripture: **Psalm 23**

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OVERVIEW

David Foster Wallace once talked about how there is no such thing as atheism. We all worship something—whether beauty, money, success, spirituality, or any number of things. If we worship worldly things, it will lead to disappointment and despair as beauty fades, or as money dwindles, but if we worship God He will always provide. Who do you worship? Or in other words, who is your shepherd? King David recognized that even though he was called to shepherd God's people, he himself also needed a shepherd. We—like sheep—go astray. We don't know what's best, and are prone to wander and get in trouble. We need the guidance of a good shepherd to not only lead and guide us but to provide all that we need. **The Lord demonstrates that He is my Good Shepherd by abundantly providing all I need to rest in Him.**

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CORROBORATING TEXTS

Isaiah 53:6-7; John 10:11; Romans 8; James 1:2-4; Revelation 7:15-17; John 10:14-15; Matthew 11:28-29; 2 Samuel 5:1-2

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Taking an honest look at yourself currently, who or what do you look to for meaning, provision, and happiness? Why is it easy to look for these things in others and materials? When faced with trials, do you find it easier or more difficult to look to the Lord?

2. Conversations around authority often involve how it has been distorted. How have you witnessed or experienced misuse of authority? What does biblical authority look like? What does it look like when the Lord has authority? Why is submitting to authority constantly an issue? If Jesus is your Good Shepherd, what is preventing you from following him in paths of righteousness?

3. Scripture describes the Lord as our shepherd, why is that comforting? If not, has there been a time when it was and what changed? In the passage, our Shepherd provides leadership for us to follow, presence for us to trust, and covenant love for us to rest, why are these needed? Why are we able to find rest in covenant love?

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