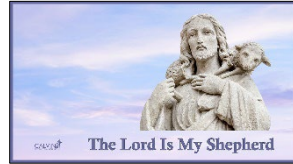


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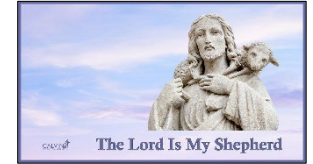
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NOTES

I Shall Not Want Psalm 23

Suggested Questions for Individual
Study or Group Discussion*



- Many of us live in urban environments and don't have a lot of experience with shepherds and sheep. What does David's metaphor of God as a shepherd evoke in you?
- What attributes distinguish a good shepherd from a bad shepherd?
- What do you know about sheep and how does it resonate with you to be considered the sheep of God's hand (Psalm 95:7)? What does a sheep need to be without want? What do humans need in order to be able to declare "I shall not want"?
- *Read Psalm 23, ideally in multiple translations.* Is there a word or phrase in one of the translations that you are particularly gravitating towards today or in this season of life? What is the word or phrase, and what does it mean to you?
- In what seasons of your life has it been easier to say, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want" and in what seasons of life has it been harder to say or believe it?
- What would it look like and feel like to live into the truth that, in Christ, we are given a life without lack, even though we live in a materialistic and consumeristic society? Are there ways that you can refute the relentless messaging of advertising that insists that you "need" more?
- Throughout this sermon series, could you read Psalm 23 daily? What might be the fruit of memorizing or internalizing this poem and keeping it at the forefront of your mind this spring?