

Psalm 23 - Fear No Evil

Scripture: Psalm 23

Also: 2 Kings 6:8-23 (especially v. 17); John 10:10-13

Discussion Questions

1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scriptures in it?
2. Can you describe a time in your life when you got scared (a scared-of-the-dark kind of story)?
3. What about a time when you were really afraid?
4. With the staff, the Shepherd was able to pull down branches for food, retrieve wayward sheep or to keep them on the path. The rod gave him the ability to defend the flock from predators, to count the sheep or perhaps discipline them.
 - How have you seen the Shepherd's tools used in your life?
 - How do you see those tools/functions connected with (or helpful in) times of fear?
5. How have you tried to take those times into your own hands?
 - How can a time of fear help you learn to trust the shepherd more?
 - How often do we simply not see the whole picture (as God sees)?
6. In the sermon, the distinction was made between the valley of death, and the valley of the shadow of death. How is that helpful or not helpful to you?
7. Do you have people in your life that will give you perspective on your life situations?
8. What can you do to cultivate that in your life?

May we live this season with a renewed purpose to trust our great Good Shepherd, individually, in our communities, and as a church family.