

GO DEEPER

use these questions for further study

Read Psalm 23 - What do you think of when you think of God as a shepherd?

David most likely used the shepherd image to refer to a king or ruler. How does your image/understanding of this Psalm change when you read it as saying “YHWH is my King”?

David uses God’s personal name (YHWH) instead of the word “God” (which is a title). What might be the significance of this?

How does David knowing and using YHWH’s personal name fit with what Jesus says in John 10:14-15a?

Psalm 23 is a picture of a faithful shepherd, and also of faithful sheep. What is the relationship and interplay of God’s faithfulness and our faithfulness?

Pastor Adam used the historical example of the German Church failing to recognize the ways it looked to shepherds other than Jesus. This is a constant danger for the Church. In what ways is the American Church being tempted to follow shepherds other than Jesus? In what ways are you as an individual being tempted to follow shepherds other than Jesus?

How can we actively guard against this? (Read Ephesians 6:10-19)

How can we tell the difference between what is truly of Jesus and what is not? (Read Matthew 7:13-27)

Read Matthew 10:16-18 & John 15:19-20 - What do these passages teach us about what we ought to expect as we follow the Good Shepherd? Why is it important to hold these alongside the teaching of Psalm 23?

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<https://tinyurl.com/shepherdPs23>

A short video meditation on Psalm 23

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