



Journey Church

Psalm 23:3-4

September 17, 2023

Close Beside Me

"You are with me." *Psalm 23:4 NIV*

Our feelings have no impact on God's presence.

Genesis 28:15, 1 Kings 6:13, Psalm 94:14, Deuteronomy 31:6, Romans 8:31, 39

God acts as a shepherd to:

- **Guide us**

Psalm 32:8, Isaiah 40:11, 53:6, 58:11, John 10:4

He leads us with:

- **The instruction of Scripture**

2 Timothy 3:16, Psalm 119:105, Hebrews 6:17-18

- **The example of Jesus**

Colossians 1:15, 2:9, John 5:19, 1 Peter 2:21

- **God's voice spoken to us by the Holy Spirit**

John 14:26, 16:13, Romans 8:9, 14

- **Guard us**

Isaiah 53:6, 2 Thessalonians 3:3, 2 Timothy 1:7, John 14:27

Satan wants us to react on fear rather than on what we believe.

Rod = Protection

Staff = Correction

Questions/Topics for this week:

1. As a Good Shepherd, God both guides us and guards us. Which do you think you need more of in your life?
2. Have you ever felt like God was distant? What promises does God give us in scripture to know that He is there, even when it might not feel like it?
3. Two of the ways that God leads us are through the instruction of scripture and the example of Jesus. Both of which come from spending time in the Word. How are you doing spending regular time with God in the scriptures?

Be Intentional:

This week, consider God's presence in your life. If you feel Him near, thank Him for His work in your life. If He feels distant, spend some time contemplating Psalm 23 and the promises it holds.

Pray:

Spend time praying together. What are some ways in which you can pray for each other? Take some time in the coming week to explore ways in which you can encourage one another. Remember to share with your group what you are learning about those opportunities and reflect on God's Word as you pray for each other.