

“God Provides....”

Text: Psalm 23

II Timothy 3:16-17: **“¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for showing people what is wrong in their lives, for correcting faults, and for teaching how to live right. ¹⁷ Using the Scriptures, the person who serves God will be capable, having all that is needed to do every good work.”**

1. What does the word “inspired” mean exactly? It means to move or guide by _____ influence.
2. The “_____” of the Bible is what sets it apart from all other literature, sacred or otherwise. It is THE book written by God, about God, and for God’s people.
3. What is a psalm? A psalm is a _____ or _____ used in worship. The poetry was often set to music. The psalms express the emotion of the individual poet to God or about God.

Psalm 23: **The LORD is my shepherd; I have everything I need. ² He lets me rest in green pastures. He leads me to calm water. ³ He gives me new strength. He leads me on paths that are right for the good of his name. ⁴ Even if I walk through a very dark valley, I will not be afraid, because you are with me. Your rod and your shepherd’s staff comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a meal for me in front of my enemies. You pour oil of blessing on my head; you fill my cup to overflowing. ⁶ Surely your goodness and love will be with me all my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.”**

4. Why refer to God as a shepherd? Because a shepherd describes a more close and _____ relationship. Whereas a king might do what's best for the majority, a shepherd knows and is the _____ of each one of his sheep.
5. This is precisely how God cares for us. He knows _____ of our comings and goings, he knows every hair on our heads, he knows when even one of us is lost and has made _____ provision to find us through His Son Jesus Christ.
6. "I have EVERYTHING," not because of what I've _____ or can _____ but because God loves me. "I have EVERYTHING" because I know God personally as my Shepherd.
7. HOW does God provide for us?
- A. He provides _____ .
 - B. God provides rescue.
 - C. God provides _____ .
 - D. God provides righteousness.