

resonates the most with you about the character of Jesus as the Shepherd of your life? How does Jesus' care, comfort, closeness, and commitment to you become real to you as you reflect on this Psalm?

4. Jesus makes it clear that the greatest way that He is the Good Shepherd is that He laid His life down for His sheep on the cross (John 10:15). For a moment, think about the incredible reality that is presented here: you, as one of Jesus' sheep, were so valuable to Him, that He willingly traded Himself for you, took the punishment for your sin, and died in your place. Ask yourself this question: how does that show you how much He loves you? And further: how does that truth - that Jesus willingly gave His life for you - shape how you trust Him in the midst of great trials? (See Psalm 23:4)

5. What in your life today feels like the opposite of Psalm 23? What do you need to trust the closeness, comfort, care, and commitment of the Good Shepherd in the midst of today?

Time of Prayer:

Take some time to pray through the prompts below. If you are in a group, assign one to anyone willing, and take turns praying together.

- Pray that God would graciously show you the reality of Jesus being the Good Shepherd.
- Pray that you would embrace living in the truth that Jesus' is your Good Shepherd and you can trust Him at all times.
- Pray for those around you, especially brothers and sisters in Jesus, who are struggling in the midst of trials so that they would experience the wonder and power of Jesus the Good Shepherd.
- Pray that the Church (the people of both local churches and global churches) would follow Jesus' call to proclaim that the Good Shepherd died to save them!