



### Psalm 23:1

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1. Read Psalm 23 a few times slowly, and out loud. What jumps out at you? What memories or emotions does it stir in you?
2. Why is the assurance of Psalm 23 so elusive for so many people (including Christians)?
3. The theme of *the Lord as our shepherd* is woven throughout scripture. This should be cause for celebration, yet for many it spurs resistance. Why do some people resist God's lordship over us?
4. Are you quick to proclaim the Lord as your shepherd, but slow to live accordingly?
5. In Romans 11:36, Paul writes that "*From him and through him and for him are all things.*" How does Romans 11:36 echo Psalm 23:1? How do both verses inform your life?
6. In what ways are we like sheep? How do you feel about being compared to a sheep? 😬
7. Read Isaiah 56:11. What sort of "would-be" substitute shepherds do you need to be alert to, and wary of, in your life? How do you avoid following substitute shepherds?
8. Read John 10:1-16. How does Jesus differ from the shepherds described in Isaiah 56:11?
9. K.J. Ramsey, in her book *The Lord is My Courage*, writes:

"We have nothing to possess, for we already belong with and to God.  
We have nothing to protect, for we are already in Christ's protection.  
We have nothing to prove, for he has already proved we are worth the cost of his life."

Do you resonate with what Ramsey writes? Discuss.