



## PSALM 23:1

**In this series we will take a closer look into the Greatest Scripture Of All Time, Psalm 23**

This chapter can make your relationship with God come alive. It can help you personally connect with God like never before and bring you peace, comfort and contentment.

**OPENING QUESTIONS - Use one or both of these questions to connect with others in your group:**

1. How did you spend your Memorial Day?
2. Does anyone in the group have a sheep story that they can share.

**KEY POINTS - take a minute to review the key points from this weekend's message**

1. It seems like there is always something that we lack. Getting those things that we feel we lack may gratify us but they won't satisfy us.
2. Satisfaction doesn't come from just pursuing your needs. Satisfaction comes from pursuing God.
3. God is our shepherd and we are his sheep. Understanding our role as sheep is the key to finding satisfaction and peace in relationship with God.
4. Sheep wander away and get lost easily.
5. Sheep lack discernment and get in trouble regularly.
6. Sheep follow the flock, even to their own demise.
7. Sheep scare easily. They are fearful and anxious.
8. Sheep are defenseless without a Shepherd.
9. There is nothing I need that I don't already have, or that I can't receive from the shepherd.

**SCRIPTURES USED IN THIS MESSAGE:** Psalm 23, Isaiah 53:6, John 10:11-15

**Additional Scripture:** James 5:13-16, Matthew 7:7-11, Romans 8:26-27, Luke 18:1-8

## **RESPOND**

Talk about a thought, phrase, or moment from this weekend's message that stuck with you. Give a brief reason for why these things stuck with you.

What are some ways that advertising and social media cause you to feel like you are lacking?

**Read Psalm 23** aloud.

**Read Isaiah 53:6** – Think about times in your life that you have strayed from God's path. If you feel comfortable, share what happened and what you learned with the group.

Ben asked the question; If God created us to have our desires and needs met in relationship with Him -- then why don't we pursue God to meet our needs and desires? Talk about things that distract us from pursuing God.

Think about one or two strategies that help you pursue God and share them with the group.

**Read John 10:11-15** – Share your thoughts and reactions to the truth of this passage. Which phrase stands out to you?

## **APPLY**

Read Psalm 23 twice a day.

Don't just know the PSALM - but really know the SHEPHERD. Take time each day to reflect on what God may be teaching you through Psalm 23.

## **PRAY**

Think of one way that you act like a sheep and share that as your prayer concern.

Pray for each other in your group.