

Message Summary: Psalm 23 is probably the most well-known chapter in Psalms. After reading and studying it, I'm convinced in the power of God's grace and care for me and for you. Whether you like it or not, God is the Good Shepherd. He stays with us whether we choose to accept that or not. We need the Good Shepherd. Be ready for a Psalm 23 reality check. My prayer is that you leave knowing you need the Good Shepherd and ready to receive all that comes with that.

Whether You Like It or Not

Psalm 23:1-6

1. We no longer have to chase the right situation (John 10:14-15 NIV)

A. Sheep don't strive (Hebrews 13:21 ESV)

2. Security in the Good Shepherd (John 10:11 ESV)

A. The Good Shepherd always corrects (Hebrews 12:5-8 NIV; Psalm 23:4 NIV)

B. The Good Shepherd always protects (Psalm 23:6 NIV)

LifeGroup Questions:

BEGIN IT – (5 min) Praise song & opening prayer.

OPEN IT – (10 min) In what ways does a shepherd provide a good picture of God?

EXPLORE IT – (60 min)

1. Which line of Psalm 23 resonates with you the most and why?
2. What does it look like to be so content in God that you can say you lack nothing?
3. Are you currently resting in God or fighting against your circumstances?
4. God's rod and staff bring us protection and guidance. What forms have the rod and staff taken in your life?
5. Read Matthew 6:25-34. Journal and discuss any comparisons to Psalm 23 and any implications for your relationship with Christ.

APPLY IT – (15min) How does this guarantee from God to be with us affect the way we handle hardships in this life? Where is God leading you? Pray for those in your life that have yet to know the Good Shepherd.