**Pastor Demetric Felton October 16, 2022**

**The Good Shepherd**

Psalm 23:1-6

**Key Truth:** As the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God, the church can trust in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Shepherd.

**The Relationship Between Shepherds And Sheep:**

1. The shepherd and sheep relationships are built on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. John 10:1-5

2. The shepherd’s focus is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the sheep.

 John 10:9-11

3. The sheep’s focus is to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the shepherd.

 John 10:14-16

**The Shepherd’s Provision:**

1. We must trust that God knows \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. God gives us spiritual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. Walking with God can lead to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 A. Sometimes God leads us places we would rather not

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. God desires to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ things.

 A. He provides for our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ needs

 B. He brings \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to our lives.

 C. God’s blessings are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. We can trust that God will lead us clearly to our

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**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Pray that you would delight in the abundant provision of Jesus. Thank God for making you able to face life and death without fear. Ask that He would make you passionate about telling others how good and gracious Christ our Shepherd is.

**Connection Group Study Questions:**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

How would you describe what God is to you right now in just a few words? Why did you choose those words?

Think about another period of your life. Did you experience God in a different way during that time? Why?

Why is it important to see that we experience God in different ways through different seasons of life?

Read John 10:11-21: In what ways is Jesus the fulfillment of Psalm 23?

What is the difference between the hired hand and the good shepherd (vv. 12-16)?

What do the following passages teaches us about our relationship with God.

Psalm 95:6-7

Matthew 9:36

According to John 10:25-27 who hears God’s voice? How do you listen to Jesus? Are there any steps you could take to improve your listening skills? When you read the Bible, do you think of it as listening to God?

If true sheep hear the voice of the shepherd Jesus, what is one thing you need to do differently this week to show you belong to Him?