



SUMMER in the PSALMS

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THE SHEPHERD'S PSALM

|| Group Discussion Guide ||

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This is likely one of the most-recognizable passages of scriptures to those outside the church. Where have you seen this psalm quoted in popular culture? What was the context? Why might these verses have become so popular?

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We often associate this psalm with those nearing death. What details from the psalm (even beyond, "I walk through the valley of the shadow of death") make this an appropriate connection?

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This psalm is not only for the dying, however. How can we see this psalm as comforting and instructive for all of life?

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How and what does the shepherd provide for the sheep (v. 1-3)?

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From what does the shepherd protect the sheep (v. 4)? Is this an instance of “protection through” or “protection from”?

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How does following the shepherd lead to prosperity for the sheep (v. 5-6)?

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Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd (John 10:11-18). How does the Lord’s shepherding lead to provision, protection, and prosperity for the believer? Do we see ourselves as sheep in need of a shepherd?

8

The word “pastor” means shepherd. In what way do pastors care for the flock as God’s undershepherds?

