

The Shepherd...Provides

In the midst of darkness and doubt, get close to the Shepherd and follow Him. As we face all that is happening in our lives and world right now, we can lean into the Shepherd because He provides. The same heart that the shepherd has for his sheep, God has for His kids, and He will do infinitely great things to provide for us. The Good Shepherd hasn't lost sight of any of us. He is our Shepherd and we shall not want.

GETTING STARTED

Obviously there is a lot going on right now and our minds have been inundated with information. Whether it's the news or social media, there really is no escaping the noise these days without having to be intentional to do so. How have you found times to be quiet before the Lord this week? What are some things you've done that have boosted your family time and brought joy?

GO DEEPER

1. Read Psalm 23:1-2 and Romans 8:31-32. These scriptures echo the heart of our Shepherd to provide for us. In what ways has God provided for you this week?
2. In Psalm 23:4 we read David's determination to have no fear in the midst of darkness and doubt. How have you cast your fears and anxieties to the Lord this week?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. We find in scripture that many before us, like Matthew and fellow disciple, Ananias, have had doubts—even those who had empirical evidence. This is comforting because it reveals to us that doubt in dark times is not the absence of faith. How have you dealt with feelings of doubt? In what ways has doubt tried to influence your decisions when it comes to provision?
2. As we walk through a season we've never walked through before, Pastor David is urging us to walk closely with the Lord and trust in His provision. He is also calling us to love each other, serve each other, and give. What next step is the Lord asking you to take in these areas?

PRACTICE IT NOW

Take some time to read Psalm 23 together with your group. Get creative! You can have someone in your group (or your Bible App) read over you as you sit quietly in the presence of the Lord, or sing it, etc. Just rest in His goodness, faithfulness and provision.