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QUESTIONS

FOR PERSONAL GROWTH OR DISCUSSION

PSALM 23 | JULY 9, 2017

- 1 What struck you most about the sermon on this famous Psalm?
 - A Was there a new thought that caught your attention?

 - B Was there an old familiar idea that you saw from a new angle?

- 2 Mike mentioned that the image of Shepherd and Flock seems to be one of God's favorite ways to describe Himself and His people. Why do you think that's true?

- 3 Can you say with confidence, as David did, that the Lord is not just THE Shepherd, but YOUR Shepherd?
 - A If so, when did that happen?

 - B What people or circumstances did God use to bring it about?

4 Psalm 23:2 (green pastures, still waters) is a picture of refreshment.

A Can you recall a time recently when your relationship with God was particularly refreshing?

B What do you think it would take for that refreshment to happen more often?

5 Verse 4, where the road gets difficult, shifts from talking ABOUT the Lord to talking TO Him.

A Does that come naturally to you? Why, or why not?

B What do you think needs to happen in order for your prayer life to go deeper?

6 Verse 6 is optimistic about the future, as David looks forward to living in the house of the Lord forever. Mike mentioned that for the Christian, death is simply an exchange of homes. What are you most eager to experience in heaven?

- 7 Read Revelation 21:3-4. Mike described the Bible as the story of God's determined pursuit to do what was necessary so that He could be with us, including this description of heaven.
- A What does that tell you about God?
- B In what ways does His presence bring you courage and comfort?
- 8 Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd in John 10, taking the truth of this Psalm on Himself. Read it aloud verse by verse, inserting the name of Jesus where it makes sense (for example, in place of "Lord" in verse 1, and before "You" in verse 5, etc).