



Study questions June 7th '20

**"The LORD is my shepherd;
I lack nothing."**

Psalm 23:1

Read Psalm 23

1. What lines in this psalm are particularly significant for you, and why?
2. Go through this psalm and list together the "certainties" it contains, and relate them to the "uncertainties" of our experience in the pandemic right now.
3. Jesus linked Himself to this psalm, and other OT prophecies about God being a shepherd for His people, by calling Himself the "Good Shepherd". (John 10-7-18.) What does this picture of being the sheep who respond to the shepherd tell us about Jesus, and about our actions as "sheep" in His flock?
4. David says with confidence "I lack nothing". Other ways translators have brought out the depth of the original Hebrew words are, "I shall not want" (KJV & RSV), "I have all I need" (NLT). Wycliffe, in his translation into Middle English in the 14th century, put it like this: " The Lord governeth me, and there is nothing that I shall lack."
Why is it important not to forget the flow of this sentence? In other words, there's a link between our assurance of God's provision with the fact that we are to be "governed" / shepherded by Him.

PRAYER

Pray for God's provision of the specific needs of people within your group.

Please continue to pray that people, seeing the banner that's up at the Testwood Rec saying that we're looking forward to seeing people at next year's Fun Day, will be reminded that not only do local churches care for them, but so does God.

This coming Sunday would have been a baptismal service. Pray that over these weeks of not being able to gather together, that our witness would grow stronger, not less; that our commitment to discipleship would grow deeper; not diminish; and that we'd find new ways of serving & worshipping & fellowshiping with each other.