

Life Group Curriculum

The Prayer of the Sheep (Week 4)

Preacher: **Daniel Erasmus**

Worship:

During worship this week, listen to 'Good Plans' by Red Rocks Worship. Reflect on the words from Psalm 23 and how the Lord is our Shepherd who only wants good things for us.

Check-in:

As you check-in, share an update with the group on how your prayer life is going. Have you prayed for someone to share your story with (the challenge from last week)? If so, share more about this.

Synopsis of message: The Prayer of the Sheep

As Ps Daniel wraps up the series on 'The Book of Prayers', he poses a question 'Why should God answer our prayers?' While many of us may think that the answers of our prayers are based on what we ask God, they're in fact based on how we address him. When we look at the Lord's Prayer, we see it starts with 'Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name ...! This signifies the power in the name of Jesus. There are various names we can use when praying. Ps Daniel highlights eight covenant names all wrapped up in Psalm 23.

The Lord is described in this passage as our:

- Shepherd
- Provider
- Peace
- Righteousness
- Constant companion
- Defender
- Sanctifier

Discussion questions:

1. Share with the group a thought from Sunday's message that stood out to you.
2. As you reflect on the names used during the message, which ones are you familiar with and have used? And why?
3. Most of us are familiar with this passage in Psalms. Share a time where you've seen the miraculous (often at the last minute!) provision of God?
4. God, as our shepherd, is also called the one who restores our soul (Psalm 23:3). We may be facing things in our lives that needs to be restored. God has the ability and wants to bring restoration in every area of our lives. It could be a broken marriage, loss of a job or bad health reports. Quietly take time to write down what is on your heart. What name can you call on to ask for this restoration?

Additional resources:

- [Tune In and Let Go: Lessons from the Prayer Life of Jesus | Pete Scazzero](#) (YouTube video)
- [Edge Church Prayer Guide](#) (document)
- [Psalm 23](#) (RightNow Media)
- [A Journey Through Psalm 23](#) (RightNow Media)
- [Phil Wickham - Psalm 23](#) (lyric video)