



Someone To Watch Over Me

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Because God provides, I don't have to stress out.

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. Psalm 23:1-3a

Because God guides me, I don't have to worry.

He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Psalm 23:3b

Because God is protecting me, I don't have to be afraid.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; Your rod and your staff they comfort me. vs 4

Because God welcomes me, I have a home.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23:4-6

Don't look at the sheep. Look at the shepherd.

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep, and they know me.... My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." -Jesus, John 10:14, 27

"And I lay down my life for the sheep." -Jesus, John 10:14,15

Talk it Over! For my thoughts and LifeGroup*

Talk about your first memory of hearing Psalm 23.

Now read it aloud. Talk about sheep and animals—and yourself! Why are we, in some ways, like sheep?

The Psalmist compares God to two things: a "shepherd," (v.1-4) and a "host," (v.5-6.) How does the shepherd care for the sheep? How does the host provide for his guest?

What do each of these images tell you about God?

Now look at John 10:1-17. How does this give you confidence? Why?

How have you experienced God's care for you like a shepherd with a sheep, or a host with a guest?

What would it mean for you to say "I fear no evil?"

Pray this Psalm together adding your own personalization.

*A LifeGroup is a group of people who are committed to loving each other and growing through times like these. For more information, connect with Pastor Len at len@marinerscc.org