



**Grace & Bell United  
Methodist Churches -  
In Leicester, North Carolina  
Bible Study  
March 23-28, 2020**

## The Divine Shepherd

### A Psalm of David.

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;

<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the darkest  
valley,

I fear no evil;  
for you are with me

your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
my whole life long.



### Tuesday, March 24, 2020

Use this space to jot down the times/occasions that this Psalm was read/prayed in your life. What difference did it make?



**Wednesday, March 25, 2020**

Read the Psalm again.

In a research study several years ago, the question was asked, "Is there a text that is important for you in difficult times?" Many (over 25%) said the Psalms....and of that most said this Psalm. We are not surprised by this. It is one of our favorite passages in the Bible.

What has God provided for you in your life.....for strength, healing and inspiration?



**Thursday, March 26, 2020**

What are the main responsibilities of a Shepherd?

In this Psalm, who is the Shepherd?

In this Psalm who are the sheep?

According to this Psalm, what does God want for his sheep?

According to this Psalm, what does God want for you?



## **Friday, March 27, 2020**

God is portrayed as a gracious host and the writer is the guest.

Anointing a person's head with oil was something the host gave to an honored guest. We are the guests at God's table. God loves you – you are God's honored guest.

We do not think of ourselves like this very often. Many times we have a loop running through our brain that tells us we are not good enough, smart enough, rich enough etc...

Think about yourself as an honored guest – someone God is glad to have at the table.

Write down here words and phrases that describe this. How do you feel sitting at the table? How do you feel when God puts oil on your head? You might want to write this as a letter to God.



## **Saturday, March 28, 2020**

Psalms 23 is a Psalm of trust and hope.

Which lines speak to you of trust?

Which lines speak to you of hope?

Complete this sentence:

I may be surrounded by enemies but.....