



Satisfied – A Series from the 23rd Psalm
Good Shepherd

Satisfaction will never be gained through pleasure, possessions, or social position. These things can gratify, but they don't satisfy. The only place to find true and lasting satisfaction is in Jesus, our good shepherd.

Scripture:

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don't belong to him and he isn't their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock. The hired hand runs away because he's working only for the money and doesn't really care about the sheep.

John 10:11-13

The Lord is my shepherd;
 I have all that I need.
He lets me rest in green meadows;
 he leads me beside peaceful streams.
He renews my strength.
He guides me along right paths,
 bringing honor to his name.
Even when I walk
 through the darkest valley,
I will not be afraid,
 for you are close beside me.
Your rod and your staff
 protect and comfort me.

You prepare a feast for me
in the presence of my enemies.
You honor me by anointing my head with oil.
My cup overflows with blessings.
Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me
all the days of my life,
and I will live in the house of the Lord
forever.
Psalm 23

Ice Breaker and Intro Question:

1. If you had to pick one word for 2021, what word would you use?
2. Describe a time when you've been lost or needed directions. What happened?
3. What resonated with you from Sunday's service? (Sermon, scripture, song, etc.)

Discussion Questions

4. Read John 10:11-13 together as a group. What do these verses tell us about who Jesus is? How does this comfort you? How does it challenge you?
5. Read Psalm 23 quietly by yourself. What stands out to you today? Share your responses with one another.
6. Does the idea of having a shepherd challenge or comfort you? Why?
7. Eddie challenged us to listen to God's voice – even if we're imperfect and even if other Jesus-followers are imperfect. What helps you listen to Jesus' voice? What makes it difficult? Get practical and share ideas with one another!
8. Have someone close your discussion with a prayer.

Additional Resources:

- Read through Psalm 23 at least once during this week. Consider writing it out and putting it somewhere you'll see it throughout the week.
- Download the series resource at www.wschurch.org/satisfied to find more reflection questions, suggestions for spiritual practices during the week, and sermon notes for this teaching series!

Notes: