



Sunday 28th of January

Welcome: What is the longest walk you have ever done?

Worship: If possible listen to Stewart Townsends version of Psalm 23 – you might want to play this after your study of the text! Feel free to sing along! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN4tPkX0MG0>

Word: Psalm 23

- Q Why do sheep represent believers so well?
- Q What was the role of a shepherd in Bible times?
- Q What do you think David means when he writes “I shall not want” v1?
- Q What significance does David’s statement in v2 have for you?
- Q How does God “restore” our souls? V3
- Q The sheep enter a dangerous area without fear. What is the main reason for their confidence? V4
- Q A rod and staff don’t natural makes us think of comfort, what was David thinking about when he wrote this?
- Q How can we know the care, guidance, peace and protection of God in our life?
- Q What does the psalmist expect to experience from the shepherd's hands all through his life (vs. 6)?
- Compare this with what Jesus says in John 10:10. How will this be displayed in our daily lives.
- Q What joyful confidence does the psalmist have for all the future?
- Q What is the most helpful and encouraging words that you take from Psalm 23 today?

Mission: We need to pray passionately for people in our lives who we long for them to know Jesus as their Lord and saviour. Luke 15 is the incredible story of the Prodigal Son; this week focus your “missional prayers” on people you know who have drifted away from God. Be encouraged that God’s arms of love are wide open to them, prayer that they find their way back into His embrace.