



LIFE WITHOUT *lack*

Getting to Know God

- What stood out to you from last Sunday's teaching?
- Everyone answer: Where have you normally heard the phrase, "The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing"?
 - Why do you think this phrase is recited during those times?
 - What does this phrase mean to you personally?
 - Is it true? Do you lack nothing? Have you always lacked nothing?
 - Has there ever been a time that you thought you lacked something, just to find out that whatever that something was is something that God never wanted for you?
- In his teaching, Pastor Dave taught us that where you put your mind matters. What does this mean to you?
 - Our minds often focus on things that we really want or that we feel like we need. Would you say this is true for you? Why or why not?
 - When our minds are focused on what we lack what are other things that our minds should be focused on instead?
- Read Psalm 23
 - Our scriptures aren't the only place where kingship and shepherding are linked. It is an idea that shows up as early as the Old Babylonian King Hammurabi's (c. 1750 BC) writings about Marduk ordaining Hammurabi to lead, feed, and protect. What do you think is appealing about promoting a shepherd-like king to his people?
 - What do you think is significant about the Psalmist using this same analogy of shepherd for Yahweh?
 - How can Yahweh fill both roles of King and Shepherd for the Israelite nation?
 - In what ways do you think this leaves their needs fulfilled?
- Later, in the book of 1 Samuel, the Israelites demand an earthly king. They wanted something other than what Yahweh was giving them. Why do you think that is? Did they want more than what God could give or less than what He was giving?
- How do you sometimes let your wants and desires wander from God's provisions in your life?
- How do you work to focus on what God HAS given you?