

Home Group Leaders Contact Information

Anyone can join a home group, to do so please contact the
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Monday daytime home group

We hope to restart a Monday daytime group.
Please let Brian Parfitt know if this would be of interest to you.

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23rd Psalm

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Bible Study

**Home Group Programme
Spring Term 2022**



23rd Psalm

The Lord is My Shepherd

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23rd Psalm: The Lord is my Shepherd

Week starting Monday	Theme	Reference
1: 3 rd Jan.	The Lord is my Shepherd	Psalm 23:1-6 Psalm 78:70-72 Psalm 95:6-7 1 Samuel 17:34-37
2: 17 th Jan.	The Lord makes me rest	Psalm 16:1-11 Psalm 91:1-16 Isaiah 55:1-6 Ezekiel 34:11-31
3: 31 st Jan.	The Lord restores my Soul	Psalm 42 Psalm 42 Joel 2:18-32 Matthew 12:6-23
4: 14 th Feb.	The Lord Guides me	Psalm 119:6-16 Proverbs 4:18-27 John 16:7-15 Hebrews 10:5-7
5: 28 th Feb.	I will fear no evil for you comfort me	1 Samuel 17:34-37 Isaiah 43:1-7 John 14:1-3,15-27 Hebrews 2:9-18
6: 14 th Mar.	You prepare a Table and Anoint me	1 Kings 19:1-9 Ezekiel 34:11-31 John 21:12-17 Hebrews 12:1-3
7: 28 th Mar.	Goodness and love forever	Genesis 50:15-21 Romans 8:28-39 John 10:1-18,24-30 Acts 16:16-34
8: 4 th April	Social	TBA

Psalm 23 is one of the most beautiful and best-loved passages in the whole of God's Word. This serene and sacred psalm towers over the others as does Mount Everest over the Himalayas. The great preacher C.H. Spurgeon said of it: 'What the nightingale is among birds, this psalm is among others; it has sung sweetly in the ear of many a dejected soul, and in the night of his weeping has given him hope for a morning of joy.' Many have memorised this exquisite psalm, but have never given the time to study it in detail. Commentators believe that this psalm was written during the time when David's son Absalom rebelled against him, causing him to flee into the wilderness of Judea. Outlawed and hunted, David solaced himself with images drawn from his more peaceful days as a shepherd.

Psalm 23 particularly speaks to people who, like David, are experiencing a major upheaval in life. Do you feel let down by someone who has been extremely close to you? Have the skies suddenly become overcast and grey? Is a longstanding friendship about to break up? Then this psalm is for you. But even if your life at the moment is without such trauma, I recommend that you begin today by memorising the psalm and repeating it out loud to yourself. Roll every word around on the tip of your spiritual tongue and suck every precious drop of refreshment from it. Let it lie upon your mind until you feel its peace and serenity invading and penetrating every cell of your being. I promise you that if you will make the effort to absorb the truths that lie buried in this matchless psalm, you will never again be overwhelmed by life's difficulties and problems.

But whatever our experience, we can draw from this psalm timeless truths about God which, once absorbed, will transform our perspective and enable us to deal with difficulties that come our way. This Bible study seeks to help us understand David's revelation of God as a Shepherd. More than that, however, we are pointed towards the full revelation of God displayed for us in the birth, life and death of Jesus, the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for His sheep.