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This is only to “warm up.” Do not attempt exhaustive answers, but feel free to simply mention what main concept, image, or truth was impressed upon you as you read. If nothing comes to mind just move on.

Slowly read through Psalm 23 three times.

1. The first time read it asking what we understand about the LORD?
2. The second time asking, “Is there anything we understand about ourselves?”
3. The third time asking, “Can we understand anything about our spiritual journey on earth?”

4. Explain how you relate personally to the metaphor of the LORD being a “shepherd.” Have any particular circumstances in your life influenced your perspective on this?
5. Read Isaiah 53:6; Acts 20:28-29; Mark 6:34; Ezekiel 34:30-31. Identify any parallels you note between us and sheep in these verses.
6. We sometimes encounter Christians who claim that they follow the Lord and are thriving spiritually, yet are not connected to a local body of believers. Has that ever appealed to you as the way to follow the LORD?
7. What bearing would these verses have on the concept that we can merely “go it alone with God?” Psalm 100:3; Psalm 119:176; Jeremiah 23:1; Jeremiah 50:6 ; Ezekiel 34:11-16; Matthew 9:36.
8. As David wrote Psalm 23 and reflected upon his relationship with the LORD, what qualities characterize that relationship? What would you like to experience more in your relationship to the LORD?