

Session V: The 23rd Psalm

1. In the multiple translations and paraphrases of the 23rd Psalm the image of shepherd is maintained. Few of us have any real experience with the practice of shepherding. Besides the obvious vocation of pastor or priest, what current occupation would make a similar metaphor?
2. The opening verse begins “The Lord is my Shepherd.” This statement can be passive (I am a sheep that God has chose to include in his fold). Or it can be read as a declarative statement along the lines of Joshua (Chose this day who you will serve. As for me and my household we will serve the Lord!) These two interpretations are not mutually exclusive. But consider how each approach alters you sense of the Psalm.
3. What is a Bible verse that is dear to you that has grown in meaning over time?