23:1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

23:2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

23:3 he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

23:4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff-- they comfort me.

23:5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

1. Recite the Psalm together.
2. What are the basic responsibilities of a shepherd? What would be a contemporary job that is most like a shepherd? Why, do you think, the psalmist compares God to a shepherd?
3. Recite the Psalm together.
4. Recall a time that God brought you to “lie down in green pastures” or “beside still waters” literally or figuratively.
5. Recite the Psalm together.
6. Recall a time when you needed God to “restore your soul” or return you to “the right path.”
7. Recite the Psalm together.
8. Recall a time when you were in a dark valley. How was God present or not present for you then?
9. Recite the Psalm together.
10. Recall a time when God cared for you greatly despite opposition from others.
11. Recite the Psalm together.
12. How confident are you that God will be with your “all the days of your life” and that God’s house will be your dwelling place?
13. Recite the Psalm together.