



BETHELCHURCH

The Marks of A Great Shepherd
Psalms: Teach us to Pray
Psalm 23
Pastor Paul Bond

At Home Study Guide

For the week of May 29, 2016

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- **READ** Psalm 23 and write down the marks of a Great Shepherd; a Shepherd who really cares for his sheep.
- **READ** John 10:1-18. What are the marks of a Great Shepherd according to Jesus? Write down those characteristics in John 10 which describes a Great Shepherd and compare those marks with the marks of a Great Shepherd in Psalm 23.
- **READ Hebrews 13:20; 1 Peter 2:25 and 5:4.** How does Peter and the author of Hebrews describe Jesus? Is this similar to Psalm 23 and John 10? In what ways?
- In the message of Psalm 23 today, Pastor Paul shared the 7 marks of a Great Shepherd. Was there anything you learned today that surprised you? Was there clarification about the marks of a Great Shepherd? In what areas of your life have you, like a sheep, strayed or wandered and you need the Great Shepherd to guide you back to His fold?

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