**THE FIRST BOOK OF THE PSALMS**

Psalm 23

1) What illustrations are used in Psalm 23 to describe the relationship of God and His people?

2) Whose shepherd is the LORD? (Luke 15:4, John 10:3)

3) “I shall not want.” What does this statement say about God?

4) What food and water does God give to His sheep? (John 4:13-14, 6:25-35)

5) According to verses 2-3, what does this food and water do for us?

6) Why does God have to lead us down paths of righteousness? (Isaiah 53:6)

7) Why does God do all of these things for His sheep?

8) What is still present according to verse 4 even though the sheep are led by the Shepherd?

9) What is the purpose of a shepherd’s rod and staff, and why are they a source of comfort?

10) Why can the shepherd comfort us? (Psalm 22:1, John 10:14-18, Hebrews 4:14-16)

11) How does the parable in Matthew 22:1-14 help us learn who will be at this great feast?

12) Who are these enemies that see the feast but cannot partake?

13) Why would someone anoint another’s head with oil?

14) The word ‘follow’ in verse 6 is the same as pursue in Psalm 34:14. How does that change your understanding of Psalm 23:6?

15) What will we find in the house of the Lord? (Psalm 26:8; 27:4)

16) According to verse 6, how long will one enjoy the benefits of verses 1-5?

17) [personal] What part of this Psalm comforted my soul the most?