



When I Need God's Presence

Do you truly believe that God wants a personal relationship with you? Above all else, He does. And ways that we can have a relationship with God include confessing our dependence on Him, trusting in His guidance, and practicing being in His presence.

Scripture Text: Psalm 23

Memory Verse: "The LORD is my Shepherd; I shall not want" – Psalm 23:1
Jesus: "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep" – John 10:11

Sermon Points:

- Habit #1: Confessing my dependence on God
- Habit #2: Trusting in the guidance of God
- Habit #3: Practicing the presence of God

Weekly Practice: Pray Psalm 23 out loud

Discussion Questions:

1. God isn't offering us a job, but a relationship. How does the image of relating with God as sheep to a shepherd encourage you? How does it challenge you?
2. Is your dependence on God conditional to your comforts? If you believe Jesus is your shepherd, do you then believe you have everything you need? Share a time when God came through in a time of need.
3. In dark times, sometimes we need to remain where we are to experience God's provision and our dependence on Him. Commit to praying for each other and ask where others need prayer most.