**Discovering God in the Psalms**

**Discovering the Shepherding of God**

**Psalm 23:1-6**

**Introduction:**

* The comforting message of Psalm 23
* David’s reflection and Shepherd

*What does Psalm 23 teach us about the Shepherding of God?*

1. **The Shepherd is Personal, Not Apathetic, vs. 1-6**
* How personal? “my,” “I” and “me” – 17 times!
1. **The Shepherd is Present, Not Distant, vs. 2-4**
* Because of God’s presence we can . . .
* . . . be assured He is in control – 2a
* . . . have peace – 2b
* . . . have spiritual strength and stamina – 3a
* . . . know what paths to take – 3b
* . . . have nothing to fear – 4
1. **The Shepherd is Good, Not Harmful, vs. 5-6**
* “If God is good, why is . . .?”
* Good is good because . . .
* He’s a provider – 5a
* He’s your source of refreshment – 5b
* He satisfies your thirst for righteousness – 5c
* He pursues you – 6a
* He guarantees eternity with Him – 6b
* John 10:11

**Conclusion:**

* The danger of being “cast”