

Life Skills Class

Our Wednesday night Youth Life Skills classes with Tom are back!

Come out for fun, fellowship and maybe even a little learning about topics important to you.

7:00pm every Wednesday night only at LWA!

We took a moment to think about times in our own lives when we experienced success and asked ourselves if we remembered to thank God for bringing us there for His glory.

We found how just one Psalm could bring many different emotions to our minds and hearts depending on what is going on in our lives at the time. We said that the Psalms are basically expressions of human emotions as real life is going on around us. They help keep us anchored to God midst all the chaos of life going on around us.

We then looked at **John 10:11-15** to see how Jesus describes himself as the "Good Shepherd" to those who would certainly know the characteristics of a "Good Shepherd" and would also be familiar with Psalm 23 and the concept of God as our shepherd.

Jesus makes a connection to **Psalm 23** as Him being the shepherd that David was writing about having all of the characteristics that a shepherd has for his sheep including the foreshadowing of Jesus laying down His own life for His sheep.

We said the next time we read or hear **Psalm 23** we will think about David describing God's character and think about how the presence of Jesus (the good shepherd) in our own lives provides all that we need just as a shepherd does for his sheep.

Note: We wondered in class why **Psalm 23** which is so positive and full of God's blessing has become a standard at such a sad time as a funeral service. Since then, I did some meditating on it and have decided that it probably has less to do with the loved one who has passed away and more to do with comforting the mourners.

I believe that **Psalm 23** gives hope and reminds those mourning that God is with them through this "dark time" in their lives and He will provide them with comfort and peace. At the same time it reminds them that their loved one is at peace dwelling "in the house of the Lord forever" and they will be with them again one day in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Join us next time as we continue our series on seeing the Thread of the Gospel throughout the bible as we talk about King Solomon.

Bible verses referenced in this lesson: Psalm 23, John 10:11-15

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

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