

“Shepherd”
S.O.A.P. Bible Study
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S=Scripture: Psalm 23:2

He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.

O=Observation: After carefully reading this text, answer the following questions: What needs is the shepherd taking care of? Since the analogy is that we as humans are like sheep, what does the author of this Psalm see that we need? Compare this text to Ezekiel 34:11-16. What more do you learn about God being a shepherd who restores his sheep? What might this Psalm have to do with the fourth Commandment (“Keep the Sabbath day.”)?

A=Application: How has God as Shepherd provided you with “green pastures” and “quiet waters”? Where or how do you need restoration?

P=Prayer: Write out a prayer based on your meditation on this passage: