

Lomax Temple A.M.E. Zion Church Sunday School

Topic: When the Road Is Long

November 03, 2024 – Psalm 23:1-6 (NRSV)

**Sunday School 9:15 A.M. – 8 minutes per section
5 minutes General Discussion**

1. Read Ps. 23:1-2. A) As we take a deep dive into this psalm, discuss the role and symbiotic relationship of shepherds and sheep. B) Explain if you think this was written about David or dedicated to him and at what part of his life. C) Explain and relate the metaphors presented within these two verses.
2. Read Ps. 23:3-4. A) What does David mean by stating, “He restores my soul”? B) On the road of life there are many twists and turns. What does the psalmist mean by stating, “He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake”? C) In your opinion, do you think this psalm is for everyone? Explain.
3. Read Ps. 23:4-6. A) Explain what is meant by “rod” and “staff”. B) Why does the shepherd prepare a table in the presence of enemies? C) Explain which part of verse 5 is the most meaningful to you then discuss: when, where and why is this psalm most quoted?
4. Read John 10:11-14. A) Explain the role of “the good shepherd”. B) Explain the role of “the hired hand”. C) How can this metaphor apply to Christian Churches today?

Lesson Application and Review:

Answer the questions in: ENGAGE p. 43; ELEVATE p. 46 & iTHINK p. 46.

Homework: *Worksheet: “Confidence in God’s Shepherding”*