Psalm 23 - Surely Goodness and Mercy

Scripture: Psalm 23

Also: Exodus 34:6-7; Psalm 136; Psalm 51:1-2; Mark 10:30-37; John 10:10-11; 1 Peter 2:24-25

Discussion Questions

- 1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scriptures in it?
- 2. When have you been pursued?
 - What was it like?
 - · How did it end?
 - Have you ever been pursued for good reasons?
 - What other biblical story (or stories) come to mind when you think of being pursued?
 - Think about your present life circumstances. Now add into the picture God's ongoing pursuit of you (with His goodness and steadfast love). How does that impact you?
- 3. How often do you think of God's presence?
 - Why is it that amount? (is it intentional or accidental?)
 - When you do consider His presence, what kind of effect does it have on you? Why?
 - Would it be a practical help for you to consider His presence more or less often?
- 4. When you think of eternity, how much do you separate it from your current life?
 - What do you think will be different between life now and life eternal?
 - What do you think will be the same?
 - This verse implies God's presence is seamlessly continuous from this one into the next. Does that impact how you think about today? The future? If so, why?
- 5. Re-read Psalm 23.
 - o Over the last 7 weeks we have covered all of Psalm 23.
 - What has been the most valuable to you through this study?

May we live this season with a renewed purpose to trust our great Good Shepherd, individually, in our communities, and as a church family.