



Summer Jams – Week 3

Read Psalm 23

1. What do these verses tell us about the character of God?
2. How do we define wants and needs in the Christian life?
3. Do you believe that God cares about what's going on in your life? Why or why not?
4. What are some promises that this psalm gives you to encourage you to follow God and put your trust in Him?
5. How has the Lord guided you through difficult times?
6. In what ways does God "restore our souls"?
7. How can we follow the psalmist's examples in dealing with fears we might have?
8. What are some ways that God has provided for you?
9. *Read Psalm 23:4.* How does God lead us through the valley? Why do we have to go through the valleys in the first place? Is it possible to avoid the valleys (John 16:33)?
10. What has God done or taught you in the valley that you wouldn't have learned if things were great, and you stayed on top of the mountain?
 - a. Does that experience make you more likely to trust God in the future?
11. *Read Psalm 23:5-6.* How does the Lord promise to protect those He has responsibility for?
12. We mentioned that God provides, protects, and promises. Which one of these three is the hardest for you to understand? Why?
13. What are some ways in which God provides for you?
14. What are some ways in which God protects you?
15. What are some of the promises of God that you can hold on to in times when things are going well and when things aren't going well?

New City Catechism Question 21

Question: What Sort of Redeemer is Needed to Bring Us Back to God?

Answer: One who is truly human and also truly God.

Verse: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. – **Isaiah 9:6**