

# Taking Gathered Worship Home

Israel seated on green pastures fed by their compassionate shepherd. It is one of the classic images of the Old Testament. Here we find its fulfillment in Jesus' abundant provision for His people.

*Please use the devotional material below each day this week to praise Christ. Ask Jesus to teach us His ways that we may walk in them to accomplish His purposes.*

## Sunday

READ **Mark 6:30-44; Psalm 23:1-6; 78:70-72; Isaiah 40:9-11; Ezekiel 34:11-16.** DISCUSS Why does Mark set these two feasts next to one another? How do Herod's failures as king highlight Jesus' compassion? How is Jesus sufficient for you? SERVE someone in need. MEDITATE on **Second Corinthians 12:9-10.** PRAY "Jesus, thank You for being our good Shepherd. We praise You and ask You to feed and strengthen us to do what You command."

## Monday

READ **Mark 6:30-44; Psalm 23:1-6.** DISCUSS How Jesus as our Good Shepherd is all that we need? SERVE someone with the love of Christ! MEDITATE on **Second Corinthians 12:9-10.** PRAY, "Jesus, You alone are our Good Shepherd. Teach us how our loyalty to You comes first and how to live that out in community."

## Tuesday

READ **Mark 6:30-44; Psalm 78:70-72.** DISCUSS This Psalm that recounts God's faithfulness to His people culminates in King David as the shepherd God has provided. How does Jesus fulfill this type? How are You praising God today? SERVE by considering someone else's needs *above your own!* MEDITATE on **Second Corinthians 12:9-10.** PRAY, "Lord God, You are our ultimate shepherd King. You meet all our needs and feed us in your compassion. Help us to be content in You. Make us grateful for Your faithfulness, and teach our restless hearts to be content in You alone."

### Wednesday

READ **Mark 6:30-44; Isaiah 40:9-11**. DISCUSS Does the tender shepherding of Jesus give us confidence to trust Him with all of our lives? MEDITATE on **Second Corinthians 12:9-10**. PRAY, “Lord, thank You for blessing us with such abundance as you meet all our needs. Thank You for our salvation, the Holy Spirit, the riches of Your Word, and the fellowship we enjoy with one another.”

### Thursday

READ **Mark 6:30-44; Ezekiel 34:11-16**. How does Jesus feeding His people reassure us that He knows and cares about our needs? How does this encourage you to serve Christ with joy? SERVE by demonstrating God’s tenderness! MEDITATE on **Second Corinthians 12:9-10**. PRAY, “Thank you for your generosity and compassion toward us.”

### Friday

READ **Mark 6:30-44; Psalm 23:1-6; 78:70-72; Isaiah 40:9-11; Ezekiel 34:11-16**. DISCUSS How has the Holy Spirit been guiding you *this week through these passages*? MEDITATE on **Second Corinthians 12:9-10**. PRAY that we at FCCW would *be content with Christ*.

### Saturday

PREPARE for *gathered worship tomorrow*. READ **Mark 6:1-56**. Invite others to join you tomorrow for the **9:30** worship service. Ask Jesus to *especially knit us together in the unity we have in Him*.

## Meditate on Second Corinthians 12:9-10

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup> For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.