1. **The Shepherd and His sheep**
   a) The picture of the LORD as a Good Shepherd is a frequent theme throughout the Bible.
   b) Isaiah 40:11
   c) Jeremiah 23:3-4
   d) Ezekiel 34:12
   e) John 10:14-16
   f) What can we learn about the character of the Good Shepherd from these inspired testimonies?

2. **A Scripture song about the Good Shepherd**
   a) What testimony does the Psalmist David give about his Scripture songs? 2 Samuel 23:2
   b) Psalm 23:1 What good news do you hear in the opening words of this inspired Scripture song?
   c) What pleasant places does the Good Shepherd lead His sheep? Psalm 23:2-3
   d) Share a time when the Good Shepherd brought you to a pleasant place. How should we respond when the LORD leads us to pleasant places?

3. **Dark valleys on the journey**
   a) Psalm 23:4 Does the Good Shepherd deliberately lead His sheep through dark valleys or are the dark valleys an inevitable part of their journey?

b) Share a time when the Good Shepherd was with you through a dark valley.

4. **Surrounded by enemies**
   a) Psalm 23:5a Why would the Good Shepherd prepare a table for you in the presence of your enemies? Wouldn’t it be preferable of the Good Shepherd to simply drive all your enemies away?
   b) Think of some enemies who have troubled you on your journey. What comfort do you find in these inspired words from the Psalmist David?
   c) How is it possible for us to go beyond tolerating our enemies and freely love them? Matthew 5:44

5. **Additional blessings from the Good Shepherd**
   a) Psalm 23:5b What picture or thought comes to your mind when you think of your head being anointed and your cup running over?
   b) Psalm 23:6 In spite of times of suffering and trial, what blessed assurance can we have when the Good Shepherd is leading us?
   c) How does the thought of your blessed destiny bring you encouragement in times of suffering and trial?