# CALL UPON HIS NAME WEEK 1: JEHOVAH RAAH THE LORD, MY SHEPHERD

### **DAY 1: READ PSALM 23**

This psalm is a declaration from David, where he reflects on who God has been to him throughout his life. Start this week by reflecting on each verse. Who is the Lord to you? When/how has he led you to lie down in green pastures, restored your soul, led you through the valley of the shadow of death? How have you been comforted or protected by His rod and staff? Write it down and take time to thank God for it. Share your observations with others so everyone can rejoice with you.

## **DAY 2: READ PSALM 78**

Just like you reflected on yesterday, this psalm is a chronicle of the Israelites' many encounters with God and observations about who He's been to them, intended to be shared with the new generations so they will know Him. How does this long list portray God as a shepherd to His people? What does the chronicle say about the people and how they behaved? What does that help you understand about God?

### **DAY 3: READ LUKE 15:1-10**

How does Jesus' parables here help us understand His heart for His creation? As we continue to reflect on God as our shepherd, how does this help us understand God, His desire, His pursuit of us and the sincerity of His call for us to share the Good News of Jesus with the lost?

## **DAY 4: READ ISAIAH 43:1-21**

While reading this passage, think about this in the context of Jesus' coming. What does God say about those who are called by His name? What has He promised His people? How have we seen Him accomplish that through Jesus? How have you experienced these things because of your encounter with Jesus?



#### **DAY 5: READ JOHN 10**

In this passage, Jesus is direct about being the Good Shepherd. How have you seen God prove this to you in His pursuit of you? How has He shown Himself to be a good shepherd and not a disinterested, uncaring hired hand who will leave at the first sign of danger or trouble? Jesus challenged the Jews in verses 24-30 by saying they don't know the Shepherd's voice. How does that align with what we read in Psalm 78 and Isaiah 43? How about you? How much of our behavior or inaction is because we don't know His voice? Pray about it and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal areas you can yield to Him.

## **DAY 6: READ PSALM 81**

How does this psalm come to life when we think about it in terms of Jesus and what we've read and learned over the past few days? How have we been satisfied, kept safe or led wisely by our Good Shepherd? Take time to thank Him. Take more time to pause, pray and listen for His voice, that we might be better servants and stewards of His hope.

### **DAY 7: READ PSALM 27**

Let David's psalm be your heart's earnest request to God. Declare the things David declares and says he will do. Let his pleas, cries and praise be your own. Actively choose to praise Him today. Remind yourself in prayer and worship of the many ways He has guided you to green pastures, protected you from sin, enemies and death. Remember the ways we fail Him and depend on Jesus for salvation. Cling to Him, today and every day after! Now share that hope, your dependency and the testimony of how He satisfies you with someone who needs to know or be reminded.