

# Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Psalms: Greatest Hits

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Message: Let the Shepherd

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Memory Verse: Psalm 23:4 NIV

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

*The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word to lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.*

**Big Idea:** Let the shepherd.

## Read Psalm 23

1. This is one of the most well-known Psalms. What do you think makes it so popular? Does it have any special meaning for you? Have you ever found special encouragement from reading this Psalm?
2. The picture of God as a shepherd and His people as sheep conveys a close relationship—one in which God is actively involved in His people's lives. If you were to rate on a scale of 1-10 how close your relationship with God is today, what would you say? Why do you give it that score?
3. Relationships are strengthened through an investment of time. How much time do you give God each day? How do you involve God in your daily walk? Are there certain practices or disciplines that help you feel His presence?
4. David comments that the Lord provides in such a way that he "shall not want." How do you understand this statement, knowing that there are things we all want? Has greed ever been a distraction in your life? What changes can you make so you can



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also declare, "I shall not want"?

5. When the world feels like chaos, how do you experience the rest found in green pastures and still waters? How have you found this kind of rest has benefited you spiritually and otherwise?
6. In what ways do you need God to restore your soul right now? How have you made that need known to God? Is there anything this Small Group can do to help you in this area?
7. God is committed to His people for His name's sake. What does this tell you about God's character and what we can expect from Him? Since the shepherd has a vested interest in the wellbeing of his sheep, how do you think the Good Shepherd will respond if you are injured or threatened? What is your part in this process? How do the rod and staff provide protection and guidance?
8. When the shepherd leads how are you at following? Do you view yourself as someone who can do everything on their own, or do you recognize your dependence on God? As sheep, why are we not capable to lead ourselves like the way a shepherd leads?
9. When the Lord leads us in "paths of righteousness" they take us through both lush meadows and dark valleys. Why do you think our Good Shepherd leads us through dark valleys? What are some dark valleys you've walked through? How did God demonstrate His faithfulness to you?
10. Discuss the concept of God preparing a table before us in the presence of our enemies. How have you experienced God's blessings even when facing trials or opposition? Do you ever struggle to see God's blessings in difficult times? What are some examples of ways we can experience blessing amidst trials?
11. John 10:11-16 talks about Jesus as the Good Shepherd. What parallels do you see between Psalm 23 and John 10?



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