



Sermon Discussion Guide

Psalms: Songs of the Soul

Psalm 23:1-6

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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Read the Scripture printed above. What stands out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

1. Can you remember a unique place where you have found the lyrics of Psalm 23? Music or movies? Has the familiarity of Psalm 23 made it feel too ordinary or predictable? What is one new thing you discovered about Psalm 23?
2. What was your one, big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

GOD AS SHEPHERD (vv. 1-4)

1. What is so significant about “green pastures” and “still waters” being plural?
2. How does a Shepherd get a sheep to lie down? What does this mean for you?
3. Did you notice that David moves from talking about God in the 3rd person in vv. 2-3, and then in v. 4 it switches to the 2nd person? Why is this so significant in our lives?
4. Ronnie quoted Job when he says, “Though you slay me, still I will trust in Him.” What is keeping us from truly believing this refrain for ourselves (and our children) while we walk in the valley of the shadow of death?

GOD AS HOST (vv. 5-6)

1. What kind of banquet has enemies present? (cf. v. 5) Why is this important?
2. What are the different levels of meanings for “my cup overflows”? Can you name a time in your life in which you felt your “cup overflowing?”
3. What does it mean to you that “goodness and mercy” follow you wherever you go?

Step 3: Final Reflections

1. In John 10, Jesus says, “I am the Good Shepherd”. How can this truth lead us into confident living? What do we learn about Jesus through Psalm 23?

2. Does God thinking of humankind as His children affect the way we go about evangelism, or sharing the news of Jesus and His work ? Why or why not?
3. In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?