

MIXTAPE WEEK 14 - GROUP DISCUSSION

INTRODUCTION

One of the more familiar Psalms is Psalm 23. It also is many people's favorite. And for good reason. It brings comfort in times of sorrow. It also promises so many good things for those who submit to God's guidance in their life.

Take time to read this Psalm slowly and reflectively and see once again what it means to have the Lord as your shepherd.

BIBLE REFERENCES

"The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need. ²He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. ³He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name. ⁴Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. ⁵You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings. ⁶Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever." Psalm 23.

DISCUSSION

1. What does the psalmist mean when he says, "The Lord is my shepherd."?
2. The psalmist says, "He guides me along right paths." How does God do this in practical ways in your life?
3. When life is troubled ("darkest valley"), how can you push against fear ("I will not be afraid") and sense God's presence ("close beside me")?
4. What did you most need to hear from this talk?

SUGGESTED PRAYER

Father, thank you for being our shepherd. May we always let you be the leader in our lives. Let us seek your guidance. When we stray, may we be open to you steering us back to the right path. Your "unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life." Thank you for never giving up on us. May we in turn never give up on you. Then we can be confident that "we will live in the house of the Lord forever." In Your Name, Amen.