

Opening Question (Icebreaker)

1. When you hear **Psalm 23**, what word, phrase, or image stands out to you the most? Why?

Jesus Is My Shepherd

2. What does the image of a **shepherd** tell us about how God relates to His people?
3. In what ways do people today try to be their **own shepherd** instead of trusting God?
4. How would your daily decisions change if you intentionally lived with the mindset: "*Jesus is my shepherd*"?

Jesus Causes Me to Be Satisfied

5. The psalm says, "*I shall not want.*" What do you think this means about **contentment and satisfaction** in God?
6. What are some things people chase for satisfaction that ultimately leave them empty?
7. Can you share a time when God provided for you in a way that brought deep **peace or contentment**?

Jesus Is With Me in Difficult Times

8. Verse 4 talks about walking through the "**valley of the shadow of death.**" What kinds of valleys do people experience in life today?
9. How does knowing **God is with you** change the way you face fear, suffering, or uncertainty?
10. How can a small group or church community help remind each other of God's presence during hard seasons?

God Pursues Us with Goodness and Mercy

11. The psalm says goodness and mercy will **follow** us. Some translations say they **pursue** us. What does that tell you about God's heart toward His people?
12. Why do people sometimes struggle to believe that God is truly **for them** and not against them?
13. Looking back on your life, where can you see God's **goodness and mercy chasing after you**?

Life Application

14. Which part of **Psalm 23** do you most need to trust God with right now?
15. What is one practical way you can **follow the Shepherd more closely this week**?

Optional Closing Prayer Prompt

Invite each person to briefly share one area where they need to trust the **Good Shepherd** this week and pray for one another.