

2. David said in verse 1 that the Lord was all that he needed. Why did he say this? How does this truth apply to your life?

3. Have you ever been forced to take a break, to lie down in green pastures for a season? Why might God take someone out of the game for a while? (Verses 2-3)

4. God promises to guide us on the right path, but it may not always be the easy path. Discuss some ways that God leads and guides us today (See Ps 43:3, 73:24, Prov 11:3)

5. In Psalm 23:4 the Psalmist is certain that God will remain with him through his darkest trials. Is there anything that can separate God's children from his presence? (See Hebrews 13:5)

6. How does the Psalmist conquer fear? (See 1 John 4:18)

7. Psalm 23 verse 5 promises food for the believer's soul. Read 1 Peter 2:2, John 4:34, 6:33-35, and Hebrews 5:12-14 and discuss the various aspects of spiritual food from God.

8. Who are the enemies mentioned in Psalm 23:5? (Ephesians 6:12, 1 Peter 5:8) Who are your enemies?

9. "Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life" (Psalm 23:6 NLT). "Pursue" is a better translation than "follow." According to Vines', "The basic meaning of this verb is "to pursue after" an enemy with the intent of overtaking and defeating him." Consider the implications. How might this apply God's goodness and

unfailing love to the believer's life? What is the ultimate goal and promise according to the end of Verse 6?

10. Read Romans 8:31-39. Can anything separate us from the Love of God? Why or why not?

Moving Forward

1. "I will fear no evil" (Psalm 23:4) is an audacious statement. What would it mean for you to make such a declaration?

2. Psalm 23 is a club against fear. What fear could you battle with this psalm as a prayer this week?

3. Prayer. Name your fears and ask Jesus the Good Shepherd and lover of your soul to relieve them.