



Community Group Guide

The Good Shepherd

“Nourishment”

Week of August 9

Check-in

1. What lessons did you learn from your time in the Word this week?
 2. Who did you share the gospel with?
 3. What has God done in your life that's encouraging over the past week?
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Scripture

Read *Psalms 23:2*

Key Point From Message

- This passage isn't about your circumstantial realities, it's about your source of nourishment in the midst of your circumstances.

Other Scripture Referenced: *John 4:7-26; Matthew 11:28*

Discipleship Group Framework

D-group discussions in smaller gender-specific groups help to reveal our blind spots to sin. If this week is a D-group week, the discussions should be focused on confession of sin, providing accountability, and encouraging each other to live in the gospel. Focus on the questions under the “Discover” section and how this week's Scripture relates to our lives.

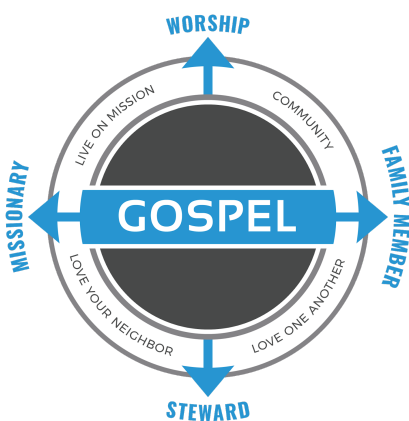


Image Church Core Values

When the gospel defines our lives it should impact everything we do. Living by the gospel should cause us to:

- Grow towards God through daily worship
- Love one another by gathering as family members
- Mobilize as missionaries for God's kingdom
- Be more generous stewards as we leverage our time, talents, and treasures for Christ.

As we study and discuss the text from this week evaluate how you can grow in each of these four areas.

Discover

1. What stands out to you in this passage of Scripture?
2. What does the text say about the character and nature of God?
3. What does the text say about the work of God?
4. What does the text say about our identity?
5. How does this change the way we live?

Deepen

1. What challenged you about this week's message?
2. What disappointments or insecurities are you running from? Have these been running your life?
3. What insights have you gained during COVID about the things that are running your life?
4. What spiritual patterns have you started during COVID? What spiritual patterns do you need to start?

Action Step

Has COVID helped you to reflect on the lifegiving water of Jesus or has it exposed the deficiencies in your life? Are you waiting for circumstances to break your way or do you trust that all you need is Jesus? Spend time this week reflecting on what it means to have green pastures and calm waters in Christ. Set aside time to get away from the busyness and distractions of everyday life and thank Jesus for the nourishment He provides.

For next week read Psalm 23

Memory Verses

¹The Lord is my shepherd; I have what I need.

²He lets me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside quiet waters.

³He renews my life; he leads me along the right paths for his name's sake.

⁴Even when I go through the darkest valley, I fear no danger, for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶Only goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I live.”

-Psalm 23:1-6 (CSB)
