

Welcome to **Living In The Goodness Of God!** Please feel free to adjust this study to fit your group's needs and to follow the direction of the Holy Spirit. It's not necessary to get through or use all of the questions.

Ice Breaker

Would you rather live in the city or the rural country? Why?

Message Clip

BEGIN WITH PRAYER THEN WATCH THE WEEKLY MESSAGE CLIP

- What stands out to you from this clip?
- How does this apply to your life?

Biblical Focus

READ THE WEEKLY VERSES TOGETHER

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Psalm 23:1-4 (NIV)

I came so that my sheep will have life and so that they will have everything they need. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep."

John 10:10B-11 (GW)

Discussion Questions

- How does the "rod" and "staff" of the Lord bring comfort to us?
- God values each of us as if we were His only sheep. Was there a time when you felt lost and God showed you He was with you? Share it with the group.
- How does the Lord rescue you when you begin to drift away?

Discussion Questions *(CONTINUED)*

- As sheep grow older, they learn to recognize and respond to the voice of their shepherd. How have you grown in your ability to hear God's voice in your life? How can you intentionally lean in to hear His voice this week?

Prayer Focus

TAKE PRAYER REQUESTS!

Ask the group to share prayer requests. After requests are shared, follow one of the following two options . . .

Option A: If most of your group is comfortable with praying out loud, split into groups of two or three and have them pray for each other individually.

Option B: If the majority of your group is not yet comfortable with praying out loud, simply lead the entire group in praying over each request. Don't hurry! Let the Holy Spirit move and speak in His timing!

(PRAYER TIP: Ask what people experienced during the prayer time. If they received a mental picture, word, or feeling during prayer, many times that is God! Encourage others to share what they experience.)

Want More?

Either in your LifeGroup OR on your own during the week, spend time with Jesus by doing the following exercise:

Step 1) Read 2 Peter 1:3 slowly at least 2 or 3 times until a word, or a phrase seems to be highlighted or "jumps off the page." This is God's promise to use when we are in the valley!

Jesus has the power of God, by which he has given us everything we need to live and to serve God. We have these things because we know him. Jesus called us by his glory and goodness.

2 Peter 1:3 (NCV)

Step 2) What word or phrase is God highlighting to you?

Step 2) Spend time turning those highlighted phrases or words into prayers back to God.