



Message Discussion Questions

7/9/2023

SERIES: Jesus Story: Psalms

WEEK: 3

MESSAGE: Takes One to Know One

COMMUNICATOR: Pastor Kevin Geer

CHECKING IN: How was your week? What was one of the highlights? Share wins (things God did that moved his mission forward and you closer to Jesus). What did you put into practice from last week's discussion?

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS: These questions work well individually or in a group. The goal is to encourage spiritual growth and enhance biblical community.

1. What is your greatest fear? Spiders, snakes, heights, public speaking, flying, something else.
2. What is your best example of "It takes one to know one"?
3. Read Psalm 23 out loud. What are some of your observations from the text? What questions do you have? What did the Holy Spirit say to you as you read Psalm 23?
4. What do you do to make yourself stronger...physically, mentally, or spiritually? What are some of your symptoms when you stop having your strength renewed?
5. Looking at Psalm 23:1-3...Where is your favorite place to rest and be at peace? What do you enjoy doing while you are resting and at peace? What does it look like to have the Lord lead you to these places of rest?
6. Talk about what you know about shepherds? If nothing, talk about what you know about how sheep, goats, cows, or chickens act. Do you find any similarities to how people act? Please explain. Laughing is encouraged!
7. How comforting is it to know that God will provide all that we need? Read Philippians 4:19. What do you think Paul is saying in this verse? How can you apply this truth to your lives this week?
8. One of the roles of a shepherd is to provide security for the sheep. Whenever we take on those responsibilities that are only the shepherd's we find ourselves living in fear. What are joy stealers or fear increasers in your life? What would your life look like if you allowed Jesus, the Good Shepherd to lead your life in those areas?
9. Read John 10:27. What are the two key words in this verse? Which of these two key words is the hardest for you to do? Why do you say that?
10. During your group prayer time, try to include words from Psalm 23:1-3 as a template. For example: Lord, be all "John" needs this week in the area of _____, Provide for him as his good shepherd...etc. Help "Mary" to allow you to guide her in _____, and or lead "Brad" to rest in "green meadows and beside peaceful streams" this week.
11. **TRUTH DEMANDS A RESPONSE!** What is one action step you will take this week in response to our discussion? Be specific. Try attaching a name and date to your action step. _____.



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GROUP PRAYER OPTIONS:

- **Prayer Question:** "What's going on in our lives that we can involve Jesus?"
- **Ask:** What was one praise and one challenge you experienced this week? Celebrate the praises and pray for the challenges.
- **Ask** if anyone has a need or knows of a need, you can also offer "unspoken" prayer requests.
- **Pray for the person on your right**, *it can be out loud or in silence*, if in silence nudge the person next to you letting them know you are done.
- **Prayer Clusters:** Groups of two or three (by gender) and share your week together. Pray together and for each other. Send them a text, or leave a message letting them know you have prayed for them this week.
- **Have someone in your group keep an active list of the requests and the answers for both the updates and to celebrate the answers.**

Are you interested in the Bible and in helping Life Groups benefit from the weekend message? We have a team for you! Canvas members like you create these discussion guides each week. If you are interested in joining the team, please email rickz@canvas.church