

bottom line

Practicing an approachable pattern of prayer leads to greater intimacy with God.



corresponding teaching content

Invite your group members to watch the corresponding sermon by Pastor Andrew on [LivingInhabit.com](https://www.livinginhabit.com)'s Media page before you begin this week's discussion guide.

group icebreaker

As a group, create a list of the most loved and known passages of Scripture. Where would you say Psalm 23 and The Lord's Prayer rank on that list?

reading scripture together

Read The Lord Is My Shepherd (maybe multiple versions) — Psalm 23.

play today's group intro video



week three
the lord's prayer

suggested discussion questions

getting connected with scripture:

- *This week's corresponding message focusses on The Lord's Prayer, which we'll review in groups next week. What similarities strike you between Psalm 23 and The Lord's Prayer? Feel free to review the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13.*
- How do the concepts of God as our Shepherd and Father help you to understand your position in relationship with God?
- What does the 23rd Psalm teach us about how to pray prayers of adoration & thanks: For provision? In times of trouble? With regard to our faith and hope?

getting real with each other:

- *Timothy Keller said, "The more we attend to God's perfect holiness and justice, the more readily we will see our own flaws and confess them." Have you ever experienced this to be true? How can seeing our flaws be a healthy thing?*
- How might a lack of adoration and praise in our prayer life reveal a lack of gratitude in our hearts?
- Who has God proven Himself to be in your life? Which of His characteristics or attributes have you especially experienced?

getting practical with our faith:

- How realistic would it be for your group to memorize Psalm 23? Consider having it memorized by the end of the next formational habit: *Thinking Thoroughly Through Scripture*.
- Try these exercises this week and practice one/both in your group today: **1) Turn the 23rd Psalm into a prayer** (i.e. "You are my Shepherd..."); **2) Practice prayers of adoration**, identifying who God is and turning that to declarations and praise (consider dividing into groups of 3-4 for this).