

PSALM 23



The Lord is My Shepherd January 14, 2024 | Psalm 23:1 Questions for Study and Group Discussion

*** Before you begin, please read Psalm 23:1-6. (These questions will focus on Psalm 23:1.)*

1. Icebreaker: Psalm 23 is a familiar passage to many. Explain any exposure you've had to this psalm and/or how it's played a role in your life.
2. How does the culture around us feed consumerism and competition more than contentment?
3. Why is contentment an important virtue to value? (Dig in more deeply and check out 1 Timothy 6:6-10; Philippians 4:11-13; Matthew 6:25-34.)
4. What does David root his contentment ("I lack nothing") in, according to Psalm 23:1? What stands out to you about this?
5. Spend some time focusing on the individual words in the statement, "The LORD is my shepherd," and create a list of at least 4-6 observations or take-aways.
6. Read John 10:11. How do Jesus's words add to your understanding of what you've read in Psalm 23:1?
7. How have you experienced the shepherding nature of God in your life?
8. Psalm 23:1 is a declaration of trust in God. What is one area of your life where you need to trust in the shepherding nature and work of God?
9. What other questions or comments do you have about what you've looked at in the Bible?
10. What is your biggest take-away from what you've discussed so far? What practical step will you take to apply what you've seen in God's Word?
11. **Challenge:** Identify one way this passage is challenging or encouraging you. Who can you tell about what you're learning this coming week?
12. **Challenge:** Memorize Psalm 23:1: "The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing."