

## Growth Group Questions:

Read Psalm 23 out loud.

Go around the room and ask what is everyone's first memories of Psalm 23 from growing up...

In verse 1 it says the LORD is my Shepherd. Have you ever really just sat still and thought about how powerful of a statement and truth to be able to say the LORD IS YOUR Shepherd?

Do you feel you can confidently say the LORD IS YOUR Shepherd? Why or why not?

Think of what a Shepherd does. Guides, leads, feeds/provides, and protects just to name a few. Can you think of any specific recent or past events/situations in your life where you experienced one of these aspects of the Shepherd?

Maybe you were asking for God's guidance on something and He led you, guided your steps. Maybe you were hungering for more of Him and He fed you through His word or physically provided something you needed. Maybe you wanted something really bad but God said no, only to look back some time later and thanked God that He said no because He was protecting you from something you didn't realize at the time. Take some time to share and point back to the Shepherd.

After reading verses 1-3, it can be easy to think that life is just going to be cozy, but verses 4-5 shows us a different side of the Psalm and what naturally happens in life within our fallen world. Are you fearful of the valley? Why or why not...

Notice David never says he enjoys the circumstances he finds himself in or loves the attacks. Rather, he fears no evil because the Lord was with him. How encouraging is it to know this?

### Verse 6

How comforting is to know that even so now, you can dwell in the Lord's presence and once said and done we'll be in the LORD's presence forever?