

IN THE WILDERNESS SERMON SERIES



<u>WEEK 2</u> The Shepherd's Heart "Trusting God's Provision"

LAS LOMAS COMMUNITY CHURCH WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY WWW.LASLOMASCC.COM

Before the Bible study,

 Please watch/listen to last Sunday's message at laslomascc.com/media

What's one thing about this week's message that stood out to you as something you needed to hear OR a question you had about the message?



MAIN POINTS FROM THE SERMON

From David's experience, we see God's...

- **PROVISION IN THE WILDERNESS**
- **PROTECTION IN THE WILDERNESS**

The wilderness also helps in ...

• CULTIVATING A SHEPHERD'S HEART

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

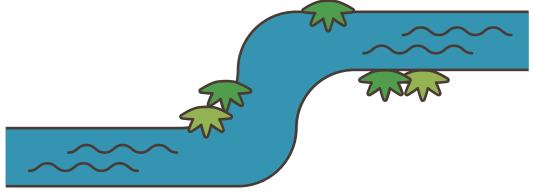
READ Psalm 23:1-4

- How does David's experience as a shepherd help shape his understanding of God's provision and protection?
- What do we mean by "wilderness seasons" in our own lives?

Can you share any personal experiences?

 How can we see our "wilderness seasons" as opportunities for growth and reliance on

God, just as David did?



FOCUS on the topic: Trusting God's Care

- How does David describe God's care and provision in Psalm 23? Use the imagery he use.
- In what ways can we trust God's care and provision in our own lives, even when circumstances seem horrible?
- How can we apply the lessons from David's trust in God to our daily lives?

List some practical steps we can take.

LIVING IT OUT SECTION

Remember, the journey of trusting God more fully, especially when you are in the "wilderness moments" of life, is a gradual process. Each day this week, reflect on God's word and apply it to your life.

<u>Reflect on God as a Shepherd</u>

- Consider the image of God as a shepherd as depicted in Psalm 23. Reflect on the qualities of a shepherd guidance, provision, and protection.
- How have you experienced God's guidance in your life recently?
- Identify one way you can trust God more fully with the details of your life today. It might be entrusting Him with a problem at work or a relationship issue.
- <u>Navigate Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death</u>
- The "valley of the shadow of death" can be a metaphor for any dark or difficult time in life. Reflect on a time you walked through a "valley" and how you experienced God's presence with you. Experience God's Provision Psalm 23 speaks of God providing even in the presence of enemies. Reflect on a time when you experienced God's provision in an unexpected or challenging situation. Practice gratitude today by listing at least five ways you have experienced God's provision recently. Share this list with a friend or family member to encourage them.

Embrace God's Protection

- Reflect on the ways God has protected you in the past, possibly in ways you weren't even aware of at the time. How does recognizing God's protective hand in your life increase your trust in Him?
- Identify a fear or worry that you're currently holding onto. Pray, handing this concern over to God, and ask for His protection and guidance



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