

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGES - Psalm 23:4

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; I have what I need.
- 2 He lets me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside quiet waters.
- 3 He renews my life; he leads me along the right paths for his name's sake.
- 4 Even when I go through the darkest valley, I fear no danger, for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- 6 Only goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD as long as I live.

Isaiah 43:2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

Hebrews 13:5 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." **6** So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?" **7** Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

1. Can you share a time in life that felt like the *valley* of all valleys? A low that made you lose hope, or can you remember someone else in your life that went through a valley and you were able to be there with them?
2. What Scriptures would you use to encourage yourself in a valley? How would you use those scriptures?
3. What other things help you in "Valley times"? Ice cream? Getting together with a friend? Baking? Counseling? Share those things with the group.
4. Hebrews 13 - Be content because... explore as a group this idea of being content and why it helps in the valley. What other scriptures support this idea?
5. Could you share and give examples of what it means that God disciplines those he loves?
6. How does this relate to His Rod and His Staff in Verse 4?
7. What does walking through it look like moving forward? Is God shifting your perspective in any way?

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS