

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGES - Psalm 23, Isa. 40:11

- 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 40:11 He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart, he gently leads those that have young.

Other Passages: Acts 13:22, Matt. 7:20, John 13:35, Jere. 9:24, 1 Tim. 6:6-10

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. LORD is the Hebrew word, YHWH. Ex. 34:6-7 is the first time God gives us his name in the Bible, and most quoted verse in the Bible, by the Bible. How does the LORD describe himself (his name) in that passage? How does it expand your view of who this shepherd is?
2. Be honest with yourself, do you know God? If he is personal, and with you always, what is the evidence you have a relationship with him this week? We have seasons in life as believers, but knowing God is relational, how have you taken time to know him and be with him this week?
3. How have you allowed God to shepherd you? Protect you? Provide for you this year? How can you shift your life to be one of faith-ful living, dependent on him?
4. Write 4 sentences of a poem or a letter about who God is and how He interacts with you and you with Him. Take time to reflect on God, sit with him, and respond.
5. "I shall not want/I have what I need", in Hebrew this phrase literally means, "I lack nothing", This LORD who is creator, and personal, is your shepherd, take time this week praising him for what a gift, let praise be the song in your heart.

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