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Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

Date 3/30/25 Bryce Taylor Watch the sermon at <u>manheimbic.org/sermon</u>.



BIBLE PASSAGES - Psalm 23:5, John 15:15

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.

John 15:15

No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

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. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- 2. Read Psalm 23 and discuss the ways God does things to help us face our enemies or dark times in our lives. How might he help us see the world more clearly from his perspective?
- 3. Given what you know about the story of David, what were some of the dark valleys that God led him through? Open your Bibles to these stories if you have the time.
- 4. How might God set up a table in the presence of our enemies? What does it say about God that he would do this for us? How does it call us to see that God is ever-present in our lives?
- 5. How does David describe the ways God celebrates and honors him at the table? Why would these things be important?

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