

# Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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## BIBLE PASSAGES - Psalm 23,

- 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 10: 9** *I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. 10* *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

**11** *"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12* *The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. 13* *The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.*

**Other Passages: 1 Peter 5**

**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 How does the psalmist describe God's willful activity in providing for his sheep?
3. David describes various actions that shepherds would perform to provide care for sheep. What stands out to you as the most impressive image of God's care? What might cause you pause to consider how God cares for his sheep?
4. What are one or two ways God might care for his followers today?
5. What does it mean to know that God's protection and correction of his sheep are part of the process? In what ways might God use his "rod and staff" today for his sheep?
6. Which of the 4 Keys to resting did you find most challenging? And why?
7. Which of those 4 does your group do well - Free from Fear, Love others, Healthy/honest, In the Word  
What is holding you back, personally, from experiencing the rest that God desires you to experience? Share and pray.

**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**