

# Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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## 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.

### Genesis 3:8-9

When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the LORD God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the LORD God among the trees. **9** Then the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

**Other Passages:** John 3:16-21, Gen. 3:10-12, Luke 15:20-24, Psalm 61:4

### 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. How does the idea of *radaph*, a hunting lion for its next meal, change how you view God's goodness and mercy following you?
2. Read Genesis 3:7-10, Adam and Eve broke God's covenant, taking control of their lives, and their shame caused them to hide. God, knowing everything, knew where they were, but he allowed them to hide. He walked around the garden, giving them time to grow accustomed to him being there, then he approached them. Can you think of a time in your life you anticipated God to be angry, and instead you experienced his kindness? Or maybe even from a boss, or friend—what was that like?
3. Take some time to reflect on your normal day or week. Who do you encounter? Who do you need to pursue with God's reckless love? Who may you need to be friend, consistently, by demonstrating God's love? Share and take some time to pray for this person by name and give updates with your group.
4. What analogy does Jesus use to describe God's love in Luke 15:11-31, how does this story grow our understanding of God?
5. As we wrap up this series on Psalm 23, take some time to think through what new insights into God have come up, what stands out?

**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**