

Grace Group Discussion Guide

The Lord is my Shepherd pt.3 (The Provision and Refreshment of the Shepherd)

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Psalm 23:1b-2

Synopsis:

In Psalm 23 there are 6 Characteristics of the Shepherd that provide the believer with complete assurance to trust His Person & His Promises in every circumstance of life.

1. The Person who is the Shepherd v.1
2. The Provision of the Shepherd v.1b-3
 - a. The Shepherd provides rest in the journey
 - b. The Shepherd provides refreshment in a dry land
 - c. The Shepherd provides restoration for your soul

Questions:

Warm Up:

1. What is one way that the sermon encouraged, exhorted, challenged, or corrected you?
2. What is one new thing you have learned going through Psalm 23?

Discussion:

1. Read Matthew 11:28-30, What does it mean that the Lord leads his sheep besides still waters?
2. What does it mean when Jesus said in John 4, whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst again?
3. What means does the Lord use to restore the soul? Read Psalm 119:25; 27; 107.
4. Read Psalm 42:5-6, Sheep become cast where they cannot move and cannot get up, how does this imagery describe the soul of a person?

Application:

1. What does a life look like that is satisfied in Christ?
2. How can you prioritize being in the Word each day to keep your soul refreshed?
3. Scott quoted George Muller when he said, "I saw more clearly than ever that the first great & primary business I should attend daily was to have my soul happy in the Lord" Why is this so important for every christian to do?
4. How should we live in light of God's activity in this psalm? (He makes... He leads...He restores).

Prayer Suggestion:

1. Pray that we would find our satisfaction in Christ.
2. Pray that we would come alongside one another and bear one another's burdens.
3. Pray the harvest feast would be a sweet time of fellowship and thanksgiving to the Lord.
4. Pray for the Pastoral Staff and the Elders as they strive to shepherd the body well.

Missions Prayer Requests

For this month, Pray for your Hector and Indira Ortega, our missionaries in Sinaloa Mexico.

The city of the three rivers has a 1,000,000 population. 78.4% of which are Catholic, 8.6% are evangelical Christian and 12.4 % are people without religion.

In Sinaloa Planted has targeted 180+ pastors and leaders that come from a charismatic and Pentecostal background, which are becoming reformed in their understanding of Scripture.

Please pray for their Local sending church in Casa de Dios. Pray for the new leaders they have established, may they remain faithful and live in holiness, being a good example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity (1 Tim. 4:12).

Please pray for peace and protection in this transition: These days the violence in Culiacan is escalating, the fights between different factions of the cartel are bringing great instability to the city. State and federal authorities have declared themselves spectators. Only our God can bring peace in the midst of this chaos (Jer. 29:7).

Please pray for the Ortega family: They are looking for a home suited to their family, strategically located, hospitable and suitable for meetings with new believers (Mat. 6:25-34).

Please pray that God would continue to strengthen them to fulfill their calling to preach the gospel in that city. This is an opportunity for advancement and growth in ministry and in our personal lives (2 Tim: 4:5).