

Grace Group Discussion Guide

The Lord is my Shepherd pt.3 For the Sake of His Name Scott Ardavanis Psalm 23:3

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
 - d. The Shepherd provides a path of righteousness

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 about the righteousness of God?

Discussion:

1. What are paths of righteousness?
2. How are paths of righteousness connected to God's character? Read Genesis 18:25 and Jeremiah 23:6.
3. How do I get on the path and be led in righteousness? Read 2 Corinthians 5:21.
4. Pastor Scott said "his Glory" is synonymous for "for his name sake," What passages of scripture speak of the Lord doing all things for his Glory?

Application:

1. What is my responsibility now that I have received a positional righteousness? Ephesians 4:24, Psalm 27:11, Psalm 17:5, Romans 12:1, 2.
2. Pastor Scott spoke about a rod being used to correct the sheep, What is God's purpose in taking us through deep valleys? Read Hebrews 12:6; 10,11.
3. How should you respond to your Shepherd leading you through a deep valley, what is happening to you?
4. How should God's righteousness motivate us towards Godly living? Romans 6:11-14, 2 Corinthians 5:9, 1 Corinthians 10:31.

Prayer Suggestion:

Please be praying for personal evangelism opportunities. In Matthew 7:22-23 Jesus said, "On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'" This is the plight of many

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in our valley who can say “Lord, Lord” but never personally know the Savior. For this reason we must not forget our own gospel responsibility to share the good news any chance we get. Please pray for the following!

- Pray for members of GCV to be conscious of the eternal damnation facing many we come in contact with.
- Pray for the working men and women to be seeking opportunities at work to share the gospel with unbelieving co-workers.
- Pray for the women of the church to be evangelistic in their weekly interactions both inside and outside the home.
- Pray by name for one unbeliever you know that the Lord would open up their eyes to the gospel.