

# The Facilitator

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Community Groups @ Trinity Presbyterian Church

2/12/17

**Text: Psalm 23**

**Title: My Cup Overflows**

**Teacher: Tim Rice**

## **Surrender through Prayer:**

*Surrender through prayers for Illumination and Transformation, asking that Jesus would meet with you in this time.*

## **Engage with the Sermon**

*Read the passage together*

*In his sermon, Tim discussed the transition in verse 5 of Psalm 23, where the LORD goes from being described as our Shepherd, to being described as our Generous Host. The LORD is described as our generous provider and host who not only gives us over and above our every need, but he lowers himself to the position of the servant, giving of his very own flesh and blood in Jesus. In our brokenness and sin we live like orphans, complaining and grumbling and anxious about tomorrow, but God is so generous that he would host sinners like you and me and celebrate US because through Christ we are His children and he loves us.*

## **Reflection Questions:**

- (Tim talked about how the LORD himself not only Hosts the meal, but he also prepares and serves the meal, a role that was historically carried out by women. He also is described as a generous host, lavishing his blessings upon his guests, causing their cups to overflow.)*

  - What does it do to your heart to see the dignity that God gives by taking on the role of someone who prepares and serves?**
- (Tim talked about how we live like orphans or lost sheep, “Doomsday Prepping,” anxious about the future, and grumbling or complaining about how God doesn’t do enough. We prepare for the future as if we’re in competition and against our neighbor, rather than preparing in order to share with and love our neighbor.)*

  - Do you believe that God has your tomorrow planned in good ways?**
  - Where do you see yourself working to guarantee a good outcome because God won’t?**
- (Tim talked about how in Western culture, we express our wealth and blessing in the things we own that set us apart from everyone else, but in the middle east, they express wealth and blessing by **hosting** an extravagant meal to build relationship and be a blessing.)*

  - How do you express your wealth or blessings in the things you own that set you apart?**
  - How do you express your wealth or blessings through serving and hosting others to build relationship and bless others?**

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## **A.C.T.S.**

### **1. ADORATION**

*What draws you to Adore and Praise God for His attributes and Actions?*

*Worship the LORD for His generosity and grace (He is infinite). Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that He is inherently lavish in His creation and saving love.*

### **2. CONFESSION**

*How has this sermon brought to mind sin that you need to Confess and Repent of?*

*How have you lived in fear and anxiety doubting that the LORD would ever feed, welcome or provide for you? Confess your unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you (for insulting His generosity) and secure you.*

### **3. THANKSGIVING**

*What has drawn you to thank Jesus for his salvation (past, present, future)?*

*Give thanks to Jesus for being an incomparable host. Thank Him for His amazing grace to welcome you because He was rejected; to celebrate you even when He would be cast out; and heap blessings on you at the loss of all He had.*

### **4. SUPPLICATION**

*In what particular ways do you need Holy Spirit to transform you?*

*Read John 7:37-39. Ask the Holy Spirit to secure you in His inexhaustible supply to you. Pray for the persuasion of an overflowing cup – that the LORD is glad to host, celebrate and provide for you in Christ!*

### **Prepare for Gospel Community:**

*How has God impacted you the most through today's passage(s)?*

*Who do you know that is a genuinely generous host, especially to outsiders or those who can never repay? Pray for them, asking the Lord to strengthen them in their generosity, and to help you learn from them.*