PSALMS

EXPERIENCING GOD IN EVERY SEASON

Title: LIFE WITH THE SHEPHERD Main Scripture: Psalm 23

Life with the shepherd means ...

His provision (vv 1-3)
(Phil 4:11, Mat 11:28-29, Ps 143:10)

His presence and protection (v 4)

His abundant blessings and our ultimate victory (vv 5-6)

Response/Practice

Every day this week, pray Psalm 23 slowly,
not just as words you know, but as a confession of faith
and an active declaration of your trust in God.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The Small Group Sermon Study

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Opening Prayer: ***Father, in Jesus' name, through the Holy Spirit, come and speak to us, teach us and transform us as we read, discuss and reflect on Your word.***

Read the key passage(s) of Scripture from the message and review the points from the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:

1. What did you like or appreciate about this message? What was new or surprising to you?
2. What do we learn from this passage and message about God (Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit)? What do we learn about who He is, how He feels, what actions He takes, etc.?
3. What does this passage tell us about responding to God? What does living by faith look like in this passage?
4. What don't you understand or what other questions does this passage/sermon make you ponder?
5. What challenges are being brought to light in this sermon/passage? Are there any obstacles to which you can relate?
6. What attitudes, emotions, behaviors, or ideas are being exposed? How do they line up with what we know about God's character and His word?

Personal Reflection: ***Silently re-read the key Scripture(s) from the message, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you.***

- What do you need to surrender to Jesus? How will you respond to what God is showing you?
- What verse, phrase or word do you need to take with you this week? How will you act on what you've heard?

Prayer: *Spend time praying for one another (that we would grow in our love for God and others, that we would be transformed by what God has revealed, that we would be alert and obedient to God, etc.).*