

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, January 5, 2025

Scripture: Psalm 23

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Jesus is the all-satisfying Shepherd who lovingly cares for his people by providing rest, leading them through adversity, protecting them from the Enemy, and serving them an everlasting banquet of blessings.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with [Reading: Ante Faciem Dei](#))*

1. Why are the letters in LORD capitalized in this psalm (verse 1)?
2. What are the two metaphors that David uses to describe our all-satisfying God?
3. Explain why Jesus is uniquely qualified to provide lasting rest. What are some places we foolishly seek rest? Discuss ways to incorporate spiritual rest in your life this new year.
4. How does our Shepherd guide us into the paths of righteousness (verse 3)? How do we know we are drifting from him?
5. What does it mean that he provides us rest and spiritual life “for his name’s sake” (verse 3)?
6. Share when you’ve experienced time in the “valley of the shadow of death” (verse 4) and how God navigated you through. What do the Shepherd’s rod and staff symbolize?
7. How can we live without fear while living in a sinful world amidst the lies of the Enemy (verses 4-5)?
8. Discuss how the gospel comforts us with the truth that God will never abandon us.
9. How does the reality of God’s never-exhaustive goodness and mercy toward you change how you think and behave?
10. What is the glorious hope of all who have trusted Christ, as revealed in this passage (verses 5-6)?