

STUDY GUIDE



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[set up]

Share an image, metaphor, or analogy that best captures how you see God and His interaction with your life (parent, coach, Rock, etc.).

Why did you choose that image and what does it say about your thoughts and feelings about God?

[digging deeper]

Read Psalm 23.

Why did David choose the image of a shepherd to describe his thoughts and feelings about God?

How can you relate to what David said in Psalm 23 (point out specific words, phrases, sentences)?

Where do you struggle to relate to what David said—what words or sentences do you feel like you *have not* experienced in your relationship with God?

How are we like sheep? Share an example/story of how you are “sheep-like” and the lesson you learned (hopefully).

All Scripture is inspired and given to us by God. What does God want us to see in these verses and how does this passage of Scripture call us to grow in our faith in Christ?

Where do you see Jesus in Psalm 23? Do a word search for “shepherd” to help you find New Testament verses that relate to Jesus as our shepherd. Do any other verses come to mind?

How do you see the Gospel in Psalm 23?

Set a timer for two minutes and work with your LifeGroup to brainstorm a list of words that would summarize the point of Psalm 23. Use a post-it note or someone can write down all the answers. Review the list of words that you came up with. Which word best describes your personal application from Psalm 23?

[living it out]

The question was asked Sunday, "Do you recognize and embrace your dependency on God in such a way that you ultimately trust Him?"

Share with your group how you would honestly answer this. Use a 1-10 scale if it helps you answer.

What needs to happen in your life for you to increase your dependence on God?

Pray through Psalm 23. Turn the passage into a guide/blueprint of prayer for your group as you close. See if you can form prayers of:

- Praise
- Thanksgiving
- Confession
- Requests

If your group is 6 or more, break into smaller groups of 2-3 and pray for each other for how you answered the question a minute ago.