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22 Nov 26 | The Shepherd in the Valley | Psalm 23 | Nelson Schonfeldt

Groups & Families Discussion Questions

Follow along with the sermon and use these questions to dive a little deeper with your group, with your families at home or for your own personal reflection.

Sermon Notes: Can you identify the main point, the subpoints and application of today's message?

Life Group Questions

1. Conversation Starter: What's the most unusual thing you've ever bought at a market or garage sale?

2. David says, "I lack nothing," even though the path his Shepherd leads him along goes through a dark valley (vv. 1–4). How does that challenge what we expect God's care to look like?

3. In the valley, David goes from talking about God to speaking directly to him. What difference might it make to pray "You are with me" (v. 4) when you're still afraid?

4. When suffering makes you wonder how much God cares, what does Jesus laying down his life for the sheep (John 10:11) give you to hold on to?

5. By the end of the psalm, what David looks forward to is dwelling in the Lord's house (v. 6). How does that challenge what we tend to want most from God in a hard season?

6. How can we help someone in our world or even our Life Group remember that the Lord is with them when their valley seems to go on and on?

7. Which line of Psalm 23 do you most need to sit with this week in light of what you're facing?