

# In-Home Discipleship Guide

Our hope is that you would continue to both be discipled, and disciple those around you during these days. Below is a guide to help prepare you (and your small group or family) for the sermon to be delivered via livestream on Sunday. We encourage you to take advantage this as you are able, and let us know if there are other ways we can serve you at this time.

**THEME:** Trusting God in Uncertain Times

**MEMORY VERSE:** 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup> who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

**SONGS:** Click [HERE](#) for Sunday's worship set. *Be sure to **subscribe** to our channel!*

**TEACHING PASSAGE:** Psalm 23

**BIG IDEA:** When the Lord is our Shepherd, all of our true needs in life are met in Him.

*See the **next page** for additional resources and a couple activities that can be done with young children.*

Discussion Questions:

1. Last week we learned that we should be content with what we have. Verse 1 of Psalm 23 tells us "we shall not want" for He will supply all our needs. What might your needs be right now?
2. What type of experience is pictured in verses 2-3? Have you ever been refreshed by the Lord in this way?
3. Think about the differences between the experience depicted in verses 2-3 and the experience depicted in verse 4. Can these experiences occur at the same time? Do the paths of righteousness sometimes takes us through the valley of the shadow of death?
4. What does it mean that the Lord prepares a table in the presence of the Psalmist's enemies (v.5)?
5. How can the promises of this psalm give comfort and peace to believers in Christ?

**On April 1, Junior high students (JHM) are invited to join a Zoom meeting to further discuss the sermon from 3/29/20. Follow this [link](#) to join.**

**Meeting ID: 633 072 767**

**High school students (HSM) will be discussing this coming Sunday's sermon in a Zoom meeting on Sunday April 5, 2020 at 7pm. Follow this [link](#) to join.**

**Meeting ID: 112 005 838**

## Additional Resources

Big idea: When the Lord is our Shepherd, all of our true needs in life are met in Him.

### Activities:

#### 1. **Research**

- Read the passage while you think about these questions.
- What does God do?
- How does the writer respond?
- Do a little research about shepherds and sheep. Then look back at the Psalm 23, read it again. How did your research impact how you understand God as our shepherd.
- In the new testament Jesus is referred to as the Good Shepherd. Read John 10:1-18. What are some additional duties of a shepherd?

#### 2. **Create** a mural that represents God as our shepherd. You can draw, paint, create a map of the psalm, cut and paste magazine pictures, or print out pictures from your research activity.

- Say: A shepherd watches over sheep. The writer is comparing himself to a sheep. What are some ways the lord is taking care of the sheep/writer in this psalm? Did you know that we are the Lord's sheep too? What should we add to our mural scene to show all the ways God cares for us? What are some ways God is caring for us right now while we are practicing social distancing?

#### 3. **Shadow puppets** can be a fun activity for all ages. Here is a link <https://youtu.be/2zfrbCdV8sl>

- Say: Sometimes shadows can feel a little scary because we need darkness to create a shadow. But we also need light. Light doesn't feel scary. Jesus is the light of the world. So, whenever you see a shadow remember that Jesus is the light of the world and he is the Good Shepherd who takes care of us.

#### 4. **Shadow tag.** Get outside on a sunny day and play shadow tag. Remember Jesus is the light of the world and he is the Good Shepherd who takes care of us.

### Additional Questions for Younger Children

- Does it sound like David trusts God? (Answer: Yes)
- Does it sound like David feels safe? (Answer: This is a trick question because David says that he is walking through the valley of the shadow of death, but it also says that God's staff is comforting him. David trusts that God will keep him safe).

**Say:** Just like David, we too can always trust in God and we can always worship Him! Even when times seem dark or scary, or when we are happy and joyful, in every moment we should worship the LORD because He is good.

### Additional Questions for Anyone

- Psalm 23 is one of the most well known passages of scripture in all the Bible. How familiar are you with Psalm 23? How has it helped you throughout your life?
- What are some practices or attributes of a shepherd that the Lord also displays?
- What does it mean to walk through the valley of the shadow of death? Have you ever had an experience you would describe this way?
- What blessings do believers experience as they dwell in the house of the Lord (v.6)?

*"The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not want."*



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 fear no evil;  
for You are with me;  
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

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

**Psalm 23**

