



Our Great Shepherd

Week Four | Our Shepherd Follows Us | 11.26-27.2022

Group Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal study time or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

Message Recap: Recognizing Jesus as our great shepherd is reassuring, realizing we don't have to have it all figured out and that he is guiding us and walking with us in all our uncertainties. It also requires we acknowledge some things about ourselves and our needs, even if we don't always recognize them.

» Opening

(3 minutes)

- Introductions - This is especially important if this is your first meeting or if there are new members.
- Housekeeping - Clarify expectations:
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting.
 - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - Open your time together in prayer.

» Introduction

(12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: What are the things in your life that you are most sure of and why?
- Digging Deeper: Describe a time when your confidence was misplaced, and you suffered for it. What lessons did you learn?

» Observation | Read Psalm 23:1-6

(15 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to this passage? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

» Key Principle | When faith is final, we put it first.

(15 minutes)

- What is non-negotiable in your life? How is that prioritized?
- When you think of eternity with Jesus, what does it look like? Does it excite you? Why or why not?
- How does confidence in someone change the way you relate to them, and why?

» To the End. | Reread Psalm 23:6a; Deuteronomy 31:7-8; Micah 7:14,15,18-20; Matthew 28:18-20

(15 minutes)

- Do Jesus' goodness, mercy, pardon, and steadfast love have limits? How does that draw us closer to Him?
- How does the promise of God with us strengthen and encourage us to share the good news with others?

» To be Continued... | Reread Psalm 23:6b; Isaiah 51:6-8; John 14:1-6; Revelation 21:1-4

(15 minutes)

- What does it mean that our Great Shepherd has prepared a place for us where He will dwell with us forever?
- Does it feel like our world is wearing out? Contrast our world with the eternity promised in God's Word.

» Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- How does the concept of a lifetime of dwelling in the house of the Lord change the way you think about the week and month ahead?
- It might seem simple to experience the words in Psalm 23, but the goodness and love we read about are difficult for others. What is a step you can take personally or as a family to offer encouragement and support to those in need during this season?
- Close by praying for one another to recognize the ways Jesus shows up in your lives as Our Great Shepherd.