

## Study Guide

### Psalm 23

1. *"The Lord is my shepherd."* (Ps. 23:1a) How has your experience with God as your "shepherd" been for you? Have you ever seen Him be powerful or personal with you? How does God's shepherding in your life differ from the experiences you've had with people?

2. *"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."* (v.1b-3)

Discuss the ways that God provides for you when you...

- a. Fear
- b. Thirst
- c. Hurt
- d. Feel lost

3. *"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."* (v.4)

How has God's presence in your life helped you make course corrections when you've gotten off track?

4. *"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows. 'Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.'" (v.5-6)*

How can the loyal love of God encourage and strengthen your heart today?

5. According to Revelation 7:17, God has promised us a look into the future:

*"For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."*

What excites you about this passage?

### Application

Pray together, thanking God for His loyal love.

## Message Slides

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#### 1. Personal (1a)

"The Lord is my Shepherd..."

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John 10:3-4 "He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out and when He puts forth His own sheep, He goes before them and the sheep follow Him, for they know His voice."

Ezek. 34:2 "Woe, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flock?"

John 10:11- "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep."

1 Pet. 2:25- "For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls."

Luke 15:4 "What man having a hundred sheep, if he lost one . . . will go after that which was lost?"

Ezek. 34:15-16 "I will feed My flock and I will lead them to rest," declares the Lord GOD. "I will seek the lost, bring back the scattered, bind up the broken and strengthen the sick;

#### 2. Provides (1b-3)

"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."

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- a. Fear
- b. Thirst
- c. Hurt
- d. Lost

#### 3. Protects (4)

"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."

**4. Pours out Blessing (5-6)**

“You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows. ‘Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.”