

Small Group Discussion Questions

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Ice Breaker: We're half-way through summer and we are losing daylight each day! What is the one thing you HAVE to do each summer to make your summer complete and why?

Talk It Over Together: *(Note: If your group is only meeting bi-weekly, cover the first 2 discussion questions of each week. If time allows, go back to the remaining questions.)*

1. Read John 10:11-15. Compare this passage with Psalm 23. What indication is there that Jesus might have Psalm 23 in mind as he teaches in John 10?
2. Read Psalm 23:1-3a. What are some causes for your soul to become weary and in need of restoration? What are some of the "green pastures" or "quiet waters" that restore your soul? What does it say about our shepherd that he leads us to these restoring places?
3. Read Psalm 23:3b. Dr. Stumbo taught that there are "counterfeit paths of soul renewal" tempting us when our souls are weary. What did he mean by this? In what ways have you experienced "counterfeit paths"? What does God promise us in I Corinthians 10:13? How does this apply to your situation?
4. Read Psalm 23:4 Has anyone in your group experienced God's presence in the "death's valley"? If so, please share the story.
5. Read Psalm 23:5. Review what Dr. Stumbo taught about this table. What "enemies" surround your table at this time? What provision has God made for you at the table? Read II Peter 1:3-4. What insight does Peter provide for this discussion?
6. Read Psalm 23:6. What attitude does David have about life? If we lived with this same attitude, how would it change our daily lives?
7. What is one response that God is calling you to make at this time?

Personal Reading

As you read through each passage, consider answering 3 simple questions: What did I learn about God from what I read? What did I learn about myself? What is God asking me to do as a result?

Day 1: Matthew 9:35-36

Day 3: Ezekiel 34:11-16

Day 2: Isaiah 40

Day 4: 2 Peter 1:3-4, 1 Corinthians 10:13



KEEP CALM

"KEEP CALM AND LISTEN CLOSELY"

DR. JOHN STUMBO, PRESIDENT OF THE C&MA

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