

## **SCC Small Group Discussion Psalm 23**

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### **Getting Started:**

How would you describe what God is to you right now in just a few words? Why did you choose those words?

### **Searching the Scriptures:**

1. This is one of the most well-known passages of Scripture in the whole Bible. Do you have any particular memories of hearing or reading this psalm? What was the context?
2. What do you think is significant about David's use of the personal pronouns "me" and "my" throughout Psalm 23?
3. What are some of the ways David described God? Do any of those descriptions have greater meaning to you personally?
4. Why is it important to know that God is guiding us for our good to a place of rest?

5. Describe a time in your life when you were walking through a “dark valley.” What was it like? How did you feel?
  
6. David described the “rod” and “staff” of the Shepherd bringing comfort to him. These symbols paint a vivid picture of the Great Shepherd’s presence and protection of His sheep. What does it mean to be comforted by the Great Shepherd?
  
7. What kind of celebration is God inviting us into? What is it saying about eternity?

**Applying the Scriptures:**

- A. How does the Lord’s presence transform the way you can view the “dark valleys” of life?
  
- B. In what ways is Jesus the fulfillment of Psalm 23?

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