

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



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Extraordinary Blessing

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Psalm 23 is one of the best-known passages in the Bible. But what does it really mean to say that we can trust God to meet our every need, and that God guides us through every experience of life? This weekend we'll peel back the layers of this well-loved Psalm.

SCRIPTURE TEXT: PSALM 23

Read the scripture text together as a group.

BACKGROUND INFO

What a powerful thing - to be able to say "I shall not want" in light of God's extraordinary blessing in our lives. That doesn't mean that all our wants are fulfilled. It means that God provides for our deepest needs, often through the gathered community, the body of Christ.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ***"Blessing is not part of some cosmic transaction where, if we do the right number of good deeds, God rewards us with blessing."*** What is your favorite "rewards program?" What do you have to do to earn the rewards? What do you receive? If God's blessings DID work this way, what blessing would you be most likely to "save your points for?" Why?
- According to Paul's sermon: ***"Blessing is gift. Blessing is pure grace. Blessing is unearned, unexpected love from God that reminds us that we're completely taken care of."*** How would you define "blessing"? Share some ways that God has blessed you. How have you used your blessings to be a blessing to someone else?
- The extraordinary blessing in verse 1 is this: ***"We Can Trust God to Meet Our Needs."*** Share a story about how this has been true in your life.
- The extraordinary blessing in verses 2-3a is this: ***"We Can Trust God to Recharge Our Souls."*** What are some practical ways that you do this? How has God met you there?
- The extraordinary blessing in verse 4 is this: ***"We Can Trust God in the Dark Valleys."*** Share about a dark valley that you have walked through or are walking through. How have you experienced the light of Christ there?

CHALLENGE: Reflect daily on the extraordinary blessings in verses 5 & 6: ***"We Can Trust God's Blessing and Faithfulness."*** It's not complicated. You are loved and treasured. And you will never, ever be alone. God will follow you all the days of your life. Thank God for THAT!