

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his names sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Psalm 23)

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path (Psalm 119:105)

For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisors. (Proverbs 11:14)

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. (John 16:13)

In this world you will have trouble (John 16:33)

The Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives. (Hebrews 12:6)

More Scripture

Song of Solomon 2:15

John 10:11-16

ICE BREAKER

Has anyone ever given you bad advice that you took because you thought it was good advice? Tell of a time.

Start thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- What was one (or two things) that stood out to you during this past Sunday nights message? (**The Good Shepherd: Directs us, Protects us and Provides for us**)
- **Read Psalm 23.** What are a couple things that stand out to you? Why do you think it's important to have a Shepherd leading us? (**LG Leader: Tell of how allowing the Lord to be your Shepherd has benefited you**)
- The Good Shepherd gives us direction. **Read Psalm 23:2-3.** What are some areas of your life where you need direction right now? Where have you been seeking out that direction from? (**LG Leader: Tell of a time when you listened another voice other than the Good Shepherd and how that ended up for you**)
- Stephen shared 3 ways the Lord directs us: His Word, Other Christians and His Spirit. Tell of time when the Lord used one of those ways to direct you. (**LG Leader: Tell of a time when the Lord used each one of those ways (give an example for each) to speak to you so that the group can see how this practically applies to their lives.**)
- The Good Shepherd provides protection. **Read Psalm 23:4 and Hebrews 12:6.** What does scripture tell us about correction. (**Answer: God corrects us because He loves us!**) Tell of a time when you received correction (from the Lord) and how looking back you realize it was for your benefit.
- The Good Shepherd provides for us. **Read Psalm 23:5-6.** Think of how the Lord has provided for you and share 1-2 of those things with the group. (**LG Leader: Use this as an opportunity to share about how good God has been to you and the benefits of having Jesus as YOUR Shepherd!**)
- Stephen asked the question on Sunday Night, Do you know the Psalm or do you know the Shepherd? Lets be honest and answer that question today. (**LG Leader: Depending on how your group is going maybe you can go around and have each person answer that question or you can end with this question and go into prayer then to break out groups**)

Start praying. Be bold, and pray with power.

BREAK OUT QUESTIONS

- What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this message?
- Which of the 3 qualities of the Good Shepherd am I most in need of at this moment?
- After knowing what you learned tonight, what needs to change in your life?
- How can we pray for you today?