

PSALM 23



There Is a Seat for You!
February 4, 2024 | Psalm 23:5
Questions for Study and Group Discussion

*** Before you begin, please read Psalm 23:1-6. (These questions will focus on Psalm 23:5.)*

1. Icebreaker: What's the fanciest meal you've been invited to? What made it so special or fancy?
2. In Psalm 23:5, the image shifts from God as "shepherd" to God as "host" of a feast or banquet. Make a short list of things that the host of a banquet is focusing on.
3. How does understanding the Lord as the host of a banquet that He invites you to add to your view of who God is?
4. Based on Psalm 23:5 and your answers to the previous two questions, what does an understanding of the Lord as "host" mean for the relationship you can have with Him?
5. What is the main point that Psalm 23:5 is trying to convey? Explain your response.
6. In the larger psalm, don't miss that the victory, security, and abundance of v. 5 follows the valley of v. 4. If you're in the valley of v. 4, how can the victory of v. 5 give you hope and perseverance? Are there ways you've experienced God's presence and provision after a valley? Share with the group.
7. What other questions or comments do you have about what you've looked at in the Bible?
8. What is your biggest take-away from what you've discussed so far? What practical step will you take to apply what you've seen in God's Word?
9. **Challenge:** Identify one way this passage is challenging or encouraging you. Who can you tell about what you're learning this coming week?
10. **Challenge:** Memorize Psalm 23:1-5: "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 name's 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."