

## **Getting to Know Ourselves**

- What stood out to you from last Sunday's teaching?
- Last Sunday, Pastor Dave taught us that the power of Psalm 23 is based on how personal it is. As we read through the Psalm listen and take note of the personal nature of the Psalm.
- Read Psalm 23
  - What stood out to you "personally"?
  - In what ways do you think that the personal nature of our God separates Christianity from other religions?
  - In this Psalm, David is describing his personal relationship with God. What are some items you would add or take away if it was you writing the Psalm about your relationship with God?
  - God *chose* David for greatness. Think about what you know about the story of David. What about his story is proof that he was made great because of God and not anything else?
- Read Ephesians 4:1
  - What is your reaction to the statement that Paul makes in this scripture about you being chosen by God?
  - According to this passage, what did God choose you for? What does holy and blameless mean?
  - How do you try to live up to being holy and blameless? How hard is this?
  - Respond to this statement, "You own your failures, but God owns your successes?"
- In his teaching, Pastor Dave taught us that what moved creation from "good" to "very good" is you!
  - What are the reasons that you think this is true?
  - How do you think that humanity is different than the rest of creation?
  - What is the difference between how humanity partners with God and how nature partners with God?
- Read 1 John 4:18
  - How does our society create mistrust? Do you think mistrust keeps people from God?
  - How does this passage and Psalm 23 compliment each other? Give life examples of this truth.