

From Shepherd to Host

Psalm 23: 5

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Reflect

Outline: Recap

Realize

Points to Ponder

Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

REFLECT

Everyone loves a good dinner party. An experienced host tends to be intentional about the many details that need to come together to ensure comfort, care & provision for their guests. As we continue reading through Psalms 23 today, we uncover a few surprises that take place for David as his Good Shepherd leads him to a dinner table. The details of this dinner come together in such an unprecedented way that it causes David's heart to be full of gratitude. May today's message highlight God's faithfulness as you look back & uncover how Jesus has done a special work of preparing, protecting & providing for you throughout your journey of faith.

REALIZE

1. Jesus Prepares

- **Scripture Reference;** Psalms 23:1-5; John 14:1-3
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - When you think of every detail, every prophecy & every fulfillment accomplished through Jesus' death and resurrection, we now have full access to the Father because of what Christ accomplished. How might this reality make you more grateful for all that Jesus went through to prepare a place for us to be with Him?
 - Is there any way you may have taken His sacrifice for granted? If so, how might He want to restore the joy of your salvation?

2. Jesus Protects

- **Scripture Reference;** Psalms 23:1-5; Daniel 3:24-27; John 16:33
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - In your current journey of faith, do you refer to God as Someone that is far off, or do you sense His presence near? Why or why not?
 - David's obedience brought him into the presence of his enemies and yet his best weapon in that battle was to REST. Share a story of how God confirmed that your best action was to be still & watch Him fight for you. What did you learn from that season?

3. Jesus Provides

- **Scripture Reference;** Psalms 23:1-5; Psalms 66:12b
- **Questions for reflection**
 - Where is your focus in this season? How might God be asking you to refocus on Him? How would taking that action cause your heart to overflow with gratitude?

Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?
- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?
- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?
- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?