

Finding Home

Psalm 23: 6

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Wild

Reflect

Outline: Recap

Realize

Points to Ponder

Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

REFLECT

So much of life is experienced in a specific place. Think of the home that you grew up in, or the town that you live in now. We all have a unique sense of place. And given our unique personalities and preferences, we all love different places. Some people love the city while others love rural settings. Some love quiet while others like loud. What is so beautiful is that Jesus invites each of us to dwell with Him, no matter what our personal likes may be.

REALIZE

1. God's presence is vigorous

- **Scripture Reference;** Psalms 23:6; Ephesians 2:4-6; Psalm 136:1
- **Leader Notes**
 - Surely, without a doubt, God's presence will continue with me
 - Do you look forward to the future with hope and expectancy or dread and fear?
 - We need to remember that God's presence is vigorous in the hardships, in the waiting, and at all times
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - What characteristics of God are the most profound to me?

2. God's promises are eternal

- **Scripture Reference;** Psalms 23:6; 1 John 2:24-25; John 3:16-17
- **Leader Notes**
 - You need to make choices now and today that future you will appreciate
 - "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord"
 - The promise we have in Jesus is eternal life
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - How can I better embrace eternity?

3. God's house is where we belong

- **Scripture Reference;** Psalms 23:6; Psalm 27:4; John 15:4-5
- **Leader Notes**
 - In God's house is where we belong, and where we should long to be
- **Questions for reflection**
 - What would it look like for me to abide in Jesus?

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?