

# Life in Response

## Psalm 23

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Wild

### Reflect

Outline: Recap

### Realize

Points to Ponder

### Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

## REFLECT

We have taken a slow and insightful journey, one verse at a time, through Psalm 23 in our “Wild” series. We have explored each idea, on its own, to learn and be transformed. But sometimes, we can be so enamored with a specific tree that we actually miss the entire forest. To make sure that that doesn’t happen, we will take one more pass through Psalm 23 as a whole to see the big ideas that Jesus has for us. Here at Crossroads, we want to simply respond to Jesus. Let’s continue to do that together!

## REALIZE

### 1. It starts with the Lord and what He does

- **Scripture Reference;** Psalms 23; Matthew 22:37-40
- **Leader Notes**
  - Everything in our lives is initiated by God
  - Our culture tells us we get to do it our way, but the Bible says God initiates and invites us into everything
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - What has God done in my life?

### 2. Don’t forget all God’s benefits

- **Scripture Reference;** Psalms 23; Psalm 103:1-5
- **Leader Notes**
  - The ultimate benefit isn’t what he does for us but it is his presence that is our greatest benefit
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - Which of God’s benefits are the most relevant to me at present?

### 3. Simply respond to Jesus

- **Scripture Reference;** Psalms 23; John 14:15
- **Leader Notes**
  - Simply respond to Jesus!
- **Questions for reflection**
  - How is Jesus asking me to simply respond to Him?

### 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?