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LifeGroup Questions

LIFEGROUP MEETING GUIDE

HOW TO LIVE FEARLESSLY & ABUNDANTLY
GOD IS GOOD, NO MATTER WHAT! Series – Psalm 23 (Part 9)
Pastor Mike Prah – Week of July 8, 2018

"Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Psalm 23:6 (KJV)

SERMON OVERVIEW:
All the benefits of Psalm 23 are for those who trust in the Lord as their shepherd. In verse 6 the emphasis is on God's goodness and mercy as His goodness watches over us, His grace works in us, and His glory waits for us. We can live fully and fearlessly by staying grateful and generous, being gracious to everyone and living our lives for God's glory. His mercy and goodness are a constant in our lives as He follows us through this life and into eternity. Even though bad things happen in life, God is there to bring good out of it when I walk in faith instead of fear, with a heart that is grateful and generous. Select a few of the following questions from each section to discuss during your LifeGroup meeting. God bless you!

A. OPEN YOUR SESSION WITH PRAYER.
B. ICE BREAKER: Take some time to share what's going on in your life, testimonies and/or upcoming events. Recognize birthdays and anniversaries.

C. BIBLE DISCUSSION: PICK THE POINTS YOU WANT TO DISCUSS.

SECTION 1: REVIEWING SERMON MESSAGE
(a). What fresh insight did you learn from the sermon?
(b). What character or attributes of God were stated in or implied by the message?
(c). What Bible verse cited in the message stands out to you the most? Why?

SECTION 2: PERSONALIZING SERMON MESSAGE
(a). What did you hear that encouraged or reassured you?
(b). How did the message increase your appreciation for God or Jesus Christ?
(c). Who can share the positive results of obeying the message or the painful consequences of disregarding its truth?

SECTION 3: ENCOURAGING APPLICATION OF THE SERMON
(a). If we diligently apply the message, what effect would it have on your personal lives and your walk with Christ?

SECTION 4: DIGGING DEEPER
(a). "The Lord is your Protector, and He won't go to sleep or let you be defeated. Your Protector doesn't doze or ever get drowsy." Psalm 121:3-4 (CEV/NCV)

- God's goodness is watching over believers to protects us. What assurances does God give to us in Psalm 121:3-4 to eliminate or minimize worry and fear in our life?
- How does this verse motivate you to live a fearless life?

(b). "We know that all that happens to us is working for our good IF we love God and are fitting into His plans." Romans 8:28 (TLB)

- Even though God's goodness is watching over you, it doesn't mean everything that happens in your life will be good. Think back and share a time when God created good out of a bad thing that happened to you.
- How can this truth help you when another challenge strikes in your life?

(c). "I will not forget the glorious things God does for me. He forgives all my sins. He heals me. He ransoms me from hell. He surrounds me with loving-kindness . . . He fills my life with good things … He is merciful and tender toward those who don't deserve it; He is slow to get angry … He never bears a grudge … He has not punished us as we deserve for all our sins, for HIS MERCY … is as great as the height of the heavens … He is like a father to us, tender and sympathetic to those who reverence Him." Psalm 103: 2-13 (TLB)

- According to the above passage there are about 10 ways God's shows us mercy. Identify some of them?
- Which ones give you a sense of confidence and hope? Why?

(d). "Be <u>kind and merciful, and forgive</u> others, just as God forgave you because of Christ." Ephesians 4:32 (CEV)

- Based on Ephesians 4:32, share with your group how to be an example of God's mercy and graciousness when dealing with others.

(e). Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16 (ESV)

- We live for God's glory by letting others see our good works. List ways you can live your life for the glory of God.

D. PRAYER TIME - PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for each LifeGroup member to respond positively to this message and to follow-through in application.
- Ask for prayer requests and pray for the individual needs of your group.
- Closing Prayer

PLEASE REACH OUT TO ANYONE WHO DID NOT MAKE IT TO YOUR MEETING. THANKS FOR COMING! INVITE FRIENDS & COME BACK NEXT WEEK! GOD BLESS YOU!