

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of May 23-29, 2021

## “PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS”

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### GETTING STARTED

*To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.*

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

Share something that you find stressful, even though many people don't find it to be stressful. Or share something that many people consider stressful, but you find enjoyable.

### GROUP DISCUSSION

As a group, memorize Psalms 23:1-3.

1. The word restore (v.3) literally means “to bring back, to turn back.” Considering the shepherd-sheep relationship, what does the psalmist mean when he talks about restoring the soul? Why does the soul need to be restored?
2. What can we do to cooperate with God in restoring our soul?
3. Read Psalm 1:6, 5:8, 25:9, 27:11, 107:7, 119:35, 139:24. How do these passages add to our understanding of “paths of righteousness” or “right paths”? What do these verses say about God’s part and our part when it comes to the Shepherd leading?
4. Pastor Nic mentioned that in the context of the Middle Eastern environment, shepherds have led sheep through “paths” in the terrain. What was the lesson from this picture? What does this teach you about the way God sometimes leads us in life?
5. What does David mean when he said “for his name’s sake”? What does this teach us?

6. Discuss. “We all travel different paths, but we all have the same destination – God’s glory.” What would it mean to live God-centered lives?
7. Is there a path God is trying to lead you right now, but you’re hesitant to follow? What is making you hesitate?

### 8. [NEXT STEPS]

*The shepherd has one job – to lead the sheep. The sheep has one job – to follow the shepherd.*

- I will regularly confess my sins to God.
- I will cast my cares on God.
- I will trust my future to my Shepherd.
- I will trust in the Shepherd’s wisdom to guide me.
- I will stay on the path that the Shepherd leads me.

*Don’t forget to:*

- Go through the devotionals everyday this week.
- Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God’s Word.
- Commit 30 minutes a day for God’s intervention in this fight against the COVID virus.

### CLOSING THE SESSION.

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for a heart to follow the Shepherd’s leading.
- Take the time to pray for our nation, for peace and for the gospel to prosper during this time of the pandemic.
- Pray for those who are hurting, going through fear, worry and anxiety in the group.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends and loved ones.