

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of June 13-19, 2021

“THE BEST FOR LAST”

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.

Describe your dream holiday if money was no limit.

GROUP DISCUSSION

As a group, memorize Psalms 23:1-6.

1. Goodness and mercy. How are they similar? How are they different? Why do we need both?
2. When you think of “goodness,” what situations make it difficult for you to believe that God wants good things for you? What about “mercy,” how do you define it?
3. How does awareness of God's goodness and mercy change our lives? Does this suggest that God will give us a problem-free life? What does the word “follow” tell us about God?
4. When you think of the phrase “God with us,” what are some examples (Biblical or personal) that come to mind of God being present with his people?
5. The psalm closes with a line that reminds us of the hope of heaven. What good things come to those who dwell on our hope of heaven? How should this change our feelings and/or ideas about death? How should this change the way we live?
6. How are you orienting your life around the presence of God? What can you do to find spaces throughout your day to make yourself aware of his presence? To soak up his Word and spend time in prayer with him?

7. Look over Psalm 23 one last time. What lesson stood out for you?

8. [NEXT STEPS]

Life is a journey that is simply preparing us for our final destination.

- I will trust that God's goodness will prevail.
- I thank God for his “chesed” love.
- I will for eternity and invest in things that matter for eternity.
- I will practice the presence of God while on this world.

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 grateful heart and eyes that are focused on eternity.
- 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.