



September 18, 2022

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: Psalm 23:4**

<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. <sup>1</sup>

**D-GROUP AGENDA**

**Welcome & Catch Up**

Begin your D-Group time by taking a few minutes to catch up since your last meeting. Share updates regarding prayer requests shared previously and celebrate what God has done and is doing in the lives of your group members.

**Read It**

Read Psalm 23:4, highlighting portions that stand out and things you wish to discuss.

**Study It**

Among your group, discuss those things that stand out in the passage. For things that may be confusing or create more questions, work together to discover God's truth. For some questions, we recommend going to [gotquestions.org](http://gotquestions.org). This resource offers solid, succinct, biblical answers to many questions.

A couple of very good commentaries on Psalms are:

Smith, J. Josh, and Daniel L. Akin. *Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in Psalms 1-50*. Nashville: Holman, 2022.

Johnston, James. *The Psalms Volume 1 – Psalms 1 to 41: Rejoice, the Lord is King*. Preaching the Word Commentary, Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2015.

**Review It**

The Sunday prior to last we delved into the term “good shepherd” and how God describes himself this way throughout the scripture. David then speaks of the “valley of the shadow of death.” What are some experiences you have had that come to mind when you hear this phrase? Why is it so difficult to recognize God's presence in such times?

David seemingly shifts to a statement of reminder about God's grace and goodness. Why is it that so few people can get to this point when dealing with their own grief or pain?

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<sup>1</sup> [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](http://TheHolyBible.org). (2016). (Ps 23:4). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

**Five Questions**

1. What did you like about this week's scripture passage and sermon?
2. What did you not like or find confusing about this week's scripture passage and sermon?
3. What does this week's scripture passage and sermon say about God?
4. What does this week's scripture passage and sermon say about humanity?
5. Who outside your group needs to hear the truths from this week's sermon?

**Prayer**

Pray for each other. Pray for our church and for others gathering in D-groups. Pray for specific needs shared among your members.