



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ORANGE PARK**

discussion guide

September 25, 2022

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: Psalm 23:5-6

- ⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
- ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever. ¹

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. This resource offers solid, succinct, biblical answers to many questions.

Some good commentaries on Psalms are:

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

Hamilton, James M. Jr. *Psalms: Volume I. Evangelical Biblical Theology Commentary*. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Academic, 2021.

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

¹ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#). (2016). (Ps 23:5–6). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

Review It

We are finishing Psalm 23, one of the most popular passages in Scripture. As you listened to the sermon from Pastor David yesterday and have now re-read the entire psalm again, what are some things that stand out most?

The shift from shepherd to host is prominent and important. What are the similarities of the two roles and the differences? Some theologians state that David did not abandon the shepherd motif, but by adding the host one expanded the imagery of God's grace and provision. How is this so?

Many, sadly, in our community and beyond have been harmed by under-shepherds (pastors and ministry leaders) in ways that are traumatic and heinous. What would you say to someone who has faced such harm by using Psalm 23 as a guide? How can your words not sound as simple "verse-a-day" religious helps, but actual biblical truth and help for such things?

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.