

Discussion Questions for Psalm 23

Open It

What sometimes threatens your peace of mind or sense of security?
What do people usually take for granted?
When do you most want peace and quiet?

Explore It

How did David describe the Lord? (23:1)
What is God like? (23:1)
What mental picture did David use to describe his role in relationship with the Lord? (23:1-3)
What comforted David? (23:1)
How does the Lord provide for His people? (23:1-3)
How did God help David? (23:1-3)
What motivates God to guide His people? (23:3)
What gave David the confidence to face death? (23:4)
How was David comforted in difficult times? (23:4)
What were David's fears? (23:4-5)
How far does the guidance and protection of the Lord extend for His people? (23:4-5)
How does God provide for His children, even in the face of death? (23:4-5)
How does God honor those He loves? (23:5-6)
What did the Lord give to David? (23:5-6)
How did David feel about his future? (23:6)

Get It

How has the Lord guided you through difficult times?
What do you think David meant when he said that his cup overflowed?
David spoke of a shepherd and sheep—how would you picture your relationship with the Lord?
In what ways does God "restore our souls"?
What are some of your fears?
How can you follow David's example in dealing with your fears?
How has God provided for your needs in the past?
How have you experienced God's comfort?
In what way has God made your "cup overflow"?
What good things in life do you find it easy to take for granted?
How can we thank the Lord for the many blessings He has given us?
*How does this passage encourage you to face the future?
How has this psalm changed your perspective of the challenges you are facing?

Apply It

What can you do to celebrate God's goodness and provision?
How could you comfort or encourage a friend who is struggling with fear or grief?
What good things, experiences, and people do you want to thank God for now?