

Beautiful Surrender: The Blessing of a Psalm 23 Life

Enough Oil

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Notes

Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion

1. Read 1 Samuel 16:1-13 and 2 Chronicles 16:9.

What do you learn about David in this passage from 1 Samuel? What made David unique or different from his brothers?

Why do you think God chose David to be king over the rest of Jesse's sons?

2. Read Psalm 23:1.

What tense is this verse written in? Past, present or future? What does that tell you about how we should understand and apply it?

3. Read John 10:11 and 14-15.

Think about what you know or have learned about how shepherds were looked upon and treated in Bible times. Why do you think Jesus described Himself as the *good shepherd*?

Describe the relationship between a shepherd and his or her sheep. In what ways have you experienced the shepherding of Jesus in your life?

4. Read Philippians 2:1-11.

What kind of care do these verses say that those who belong to Jesus receive from Him, our Good Shepherd?

How should we treat others who also belong to His flock?

What does this passage reveal about what a surrendered life looked like for Jesus? What should it look like for us as His followers?

5. Read Psalm 84:11, 1 Corinthians 9:8 and Philippians 4:19.

What truth do you see repeated in all of these verses?

What do you think it means to have connected contentment? And how does having connected contentment enable you to grow in living an increasingly surrendered to Jesus life?

In your own life, are you connected with God? Are you content in Him? If not, why not? Where do you go from here?