

Life Group Preparation Notes
Daniel Erasmus – Sunday 6 March 2022
The Good Shepherd – He Promises



Note for the facilitator: We are increasingly aware of how important our own preparation is as the key to being able to be vulnerable in group as well as learning from what God is saying to one another through the Word that we are reading. Let us keep encouraging one another to anchor our lives in God.

Worship: Spend time throughout the week during your time with God listening to [Goodness of God by Bethel](#). As you spend time in worship, allow the Holy Spirit to reassure you that He is a good God that longs to be in a relationship with you.

Check-In: What has been one truth that you have learned over the past 3 weeks from “The Good Shepherd”?

Bible Readings: Anchor: Psalm 23 NKJV; Exodus 33:18-19; Psalm 119:68; Romans 8:28; James 1:17-18; Psalm 101:1; Psalm 32:2 AMP; Romans 4:3, 22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21; Lamentations 3:22; 1 John 2:25; Isaiah 53:7; Mark 15:33; Ezekiel 34:12

Preparation and Discussion for Group Time:

1. The Good Shepherd promises us goodness and mercy to follow us all the days of our lives.
 - What does it mean for goodness and mercy to follow you?
 - How does knowing this truth give you the confidence to keep showing up when the battle is difficult or even in the easy times?
2. Where have you seen the Good Shepherd show you His goodness and mercy lately?
3. Share what it means to dwell in the house of the LORD forever. How might God want you to “dwell” more fully under his care?
4. How has seeing God’s goodness (or glory), knowing His provision and protection, and being able to rest in His promises, changed your approach to God, our Good Shepherd in the past 3 weeks?

Check out and Prayer:

What are you or could you give God thanks for today as you have experienced His goodness and mercy?

Pray a prayer like this. Use your own words: “Lord, thank You for Your goodness and mercy. Guide me by Your peace and promises despite the expectations I have and the uncertainty I may face in the valleys of life. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Love God:

- **Commit to memorising Psalm 23** and thank God that He is the Good Shepherd who cares for you.
- For personal study, here are some suggested **YouVersion** and **RightNow Media** devotionals:
 - [The Good Shepherd – Gateway Ministries](#)
 - [Psalm 23 – Matt Chandler](#)

Love People:

- Are you interested in joining a serving team? [WhatsApp us](#) for more details or visit the [website](#).
- Bring your gently used clothing items and support UTurn Ministries. Drop off in the bin on a Sunday in the main foyer or during the week at reception.