

## **Psalm 23: “Living with Confidence”**

Psalm 23:6

**THE BIG IDEA:** As Christians, we can face the future and even death with confidence because of the goodness and love of God.

### **OPEN WITH PRAYER**

**GETTING STARTED:** On a scale of 1-10, rate your summer, 1 being lousy and 10 being great. Explain your answer to your group.

### **LEARNING & APPLYING GOD’S WORD**

#### **Together, read Psalm 23**

1. Read Psalm 23:6 out loud 4 or 5 times. Each time read the verse slowly and meditatively, allowing the words to sink in. After reading it the 5<sup>th</sup> time, what word or words jump out at you? Why? What do these words tell you about the meaning of this verse?
2. Psalm 23:6 is an expression of confident faith. It is also a verse that contains some great promises for us. What are the two great promises in this verse?
3. How would you describe God’s goodness to a friend? God’s love?
4. Looking back over your life, where can you see the goodness and love of God? Were there times in your life when you could only see the goodness and love of God in hindsight?
5. Steve said that the word follow can be translated “hunt” or “pursue.” As you look back over your life, have you ever sensed that God pursued you with his love?
6. Steve said this verse “is a statement of faith born out of the repeated experience of God’s faithfulness.” What does he mean? How does our faith grow as we walk with Christ? What did Steve mean when he said, “Our faith grows as we turn toward God in our lives, not away from him.” What does it mean to “turn toward God.”
7. What are your thoughts about death and dying? Does Psalm 23 bring comfort to you?

## **LIVING OUT “REAL LIFE”**

8. Is there anything about the future that makes you anxious? What is it?  
Share it with your group and pray together about it.

## **SHARING AND PRAYER (Prayer Requests)**

Take some time to share prayer requests, where you need to find God’s grace and peace. Be sure to give thanks for each other and pray for one another’s needs. When we pray together, we find the power of God.