



LIFEGROUPS

Sermon title: Who Cares?

Scripture: Psalm 23:4

Date: Nov. 21 & 22, 2015

—[LET'S TALK]—

- What are you most looking forward to this winter? Do you have a favorite winter memory?

—[LET'S WARM UP]—

- How might a Syrian refugee respond to hearing Psalm 23 for the first time?
- What are some valley's you fear, or have feared in life?
- Are valley's really unavoidable in life? Why or why not?
- What attitude does our culture pressure us to have in the midst of a valley? Why?

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- Read Romans 5:1-11 and talk about hope and suffering.
 - a. What does it mean to boast in the hope of the glory of God?
 - b. What is this hope and why can we be confident in it?
 - c. How are hope and suffering connected?
 - d. Why are perseverance and character necessary for suffering to produce hope?
- Read Matthew 6:19-34 and talk about anxiety and fear.
 - a. How are fear and material "treasures" connected?
 - b. How can it be that life is more than food and our basic material needs?
 - c. What does Christ tell us about how much God cares for us?
 - d. How does seeking the Kingdom of God above all else change our perspective on life?

—[LET'S ACT]—

- Find a partner in your LifeGroup. Each of you, write down a list of three to five things you could do to be Christ for your family this Thanksgiving, but may be afraid to act on. Ask yourself why you are afraid. Be open to the answer you may find. Then this week, challenge each other to do (or to start doing) one of these things you are afraid of. Pray for and encourage each other. And, when you feel the fear rising within you, declare the truths of Psalm 23, Romans 5, and Matthew 6 in the face of those fears. Perhaps you will experience pain, hardship, or even suffering. But perhaps you will also witness God move in a powerful way. Choose comfort, or choose courage. They are mutually exclusive.



—[**SERMON REVIEW**]—

- Sermon Scriptures: [Ps 23:1-6; 33:16-18; 37:1-40] - [Lam 3:18-23] - [Lk 15:4-7] - [Jn 10:11-28]
- In life, there will be valleys and we must go through them to reach green pastures again.
- Our shepherd is perfect. We need not fear. He does not mistakenly lead us through valleys.
- God, our shepherd, loves us immeasurably, promises to stay with us, and knows the way.

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