

W's Because the Lord is My Shepherd

Principles #5 and #6

WORSHIP

Consider reading **Psalm 23** together, taking turns reading a verse a time, or reading responsively with the leader reading a verse and the group responding with the next verse. You can discuss the Psalms you read and share what they mean to you.

Consider singing some of the songs on the sheets that were included in your packet if you have someone in the group that plays the guitar or can lead music and/or play the guitar.

End your worship time together with 'popcorn praise'. Tell the group that you'll pray together, but without the usual trappings of prayer, no long prayers, no eloquent speech, and no requests, just simple words of praise like, "Father, you know I was almost in an accident this week and you showed up and protected me and my family, "thank you".

WELCOME

Have you ever been in trouble and been helped out of that trouble by someone unexpectedly? What did it feel like to be in trouble without hope of escaping that trouble? What did it feel like to be rescued? Tell us the story.

WORD

Discussion questions.

OUR TIME IN THE WORD

1. Some of the sheep who are under our care will only be able to function in a limited way. What does this mean and how should it affect the way we relate to people of limited capacity?
2. Sometimes sheep who need a shepherd wander into our pasture. What does this mean and as shepherds, how should we respond when this happens?
3. There are three questions you should ask yourself to determine if Satan is trying to deceive you with your own thoughts. What is the first of these questions and how does it apply to the way we deal with Satan?
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WORKS

Psalm 23 primarily tells us what it is like to be Shepherded by God. From it we can learn what it means to shepherd other people in our lives. There are so many who have wandered away and do not know what it is like to be Shepherded by God. Our primary job in this world is to share Christ with people like that so that they will have an opportunity to trust Jesus as their Savior. God will become the Shepherd of their souls and they will be able to say, "Even though I walk through the dark valley of death I will fear no evil for YOU are with me." As shepherds we cannot afford to miss this opportunity to call others into the Fold of God.

Those of us who lead should remember that there is no better way to motivate others to share the gospel than to set an example for them. Speak to others about Jesus when you have the opportunity and set an example of lifestyle evangelism for the members of your group. They will be much more likely to follow your example than they will be to simply do what you tell them to do. Ask the group to discuss this and then ask them to think through the list of people you have been praying for each week. Discuss how we can be more aggressively involved in sharing the good news with these folks for whom God has burdened us. We will pray for these people tonight and each night we're together until they come to Life Group, or come to Christ through some other means. Have each couple/individual share the name of one couple/person to pray for and then ask one of the other people in the group to pray for them.

Close your time together in prayer.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

- That CCF Singapore Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Core, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Singapore Facilities

- CCF Singapore Center
- Equipments

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends