

REAL LIFE LESSONS FROM PSALMS:

Recognizing God's Care for you! – Psalm 23:3b-6

1. He leads me in _____ paths for his _____.
 - a. If it's not righteous, it's not _____.
 - b. Is comfort your highest goal in what you do?
 - i. If so, you're missing God's will for your life.
 - ii. What has God asked you to do that's _____?
2. Though I walk through _____.
 - a. Only through _____ is higher ground reached.
 - b. There's always more _____ in the valley.
 - c. Learn to _____ the valleys in your life.
3. Your rod and staff comfort me.
 - a. The rod is for _____ and _____.
 - b. The staff is for 3 things: _____, _____, _____.
4. God's table and our enemies
5. You anoint my head with oil. Philippians 4:8
 - a. What is the oil our Shepherd uses for our "scabby" times?
 - b. Do you submit to his control _____ of the time?
6. My cup overflows – God's cure for _____ sheep
7. Surely goodness and mercy . . .
 - a. Do you leave a "blessing" wherever you go?
 - b. Do you forgive? Encourage? Console?
8. I will dwell in God's _____ forever. (Rev. 7:15-17)

Growth Groups:

- Mention some reasons Satan's paths often look so tempting.
- How is the "valley of death" so different for the believer?
- Share an example of when the Lord provided for a real need even when it looked so bleak (bad/depressing) and impossible?
- Can you think of a Scripture verse (other than Psalm 23:6) that promises we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever?

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for **you are with me**; your rod and your staff, they **comfort me**.

Psalm 23:4