

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 6-20-2021

For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

Quick Review

Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

***Opener Question or Activity:** What fun movie or event you experienced scared you? Why was it so scary to you? How did you calm down afterward?

Sunday's Main Scripture Text: Psalm 23.- "Father's Day"

Digging Deeper:

1. Read out loud Psalm 23. Verse 1 promises that our Heavenly Father will give us what we need. How have you clearly experienced the hand of God in your need?
2. Verses 2 and 3 speak of green pastures, quiet waters and a restored soul. What about this explanation of the natural surroundings brings comfort? How have you experienced God restoring and refreshing your soul?
3. Verses 3 and 4 speak of walking the path of righteousness through the valley of the shadow of death. What value is a clean heart before God?
4. Verse 4 speaks of correction with the rod and staff. Has God's discipline helped you to treasure His presence?
5. Verse 5, being anointed with oil speaks of the indwelling Holy Spirit and the overflowing cup is the abundant joy. Talk about how you have experienced this.
6. Verse 6 speaks of eternity with God. Talk about what this stirs up in you.

Apply it today

Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?