

*Psalm 23:1-6 (ESV)*

### 1. Foresight

Foresight is not trying to know the future but trusting the One who knows the future.

Follow the Lord as your shepherd and goodness and mercy will follow you.

*John 10:10-11; John 10:27-28*

"God has promised to supply all our needs. What we don't have now we don't need now." — Elisabeth Elliot

### 2. Insight

God gives insight so you are ready to face what is in sight.

In dark valleys, a leading shepherd becomes a loving friend.

### 3. Hindsight

When you glance at the past, look for God's goodness.

*James 1:5-6 (NLT)*

*\*All scriptures are from the New International Version unless otherwise noted.*

## Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

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### **Celebrate and Care:**

Have each person share a high and low from this past week.

### **Review:**

When you follow the Lord as your shepherd, goodness and mercy will follow you. The wisdom from God's word gives discernment for decisions.

### **Open Up:**

Think about hindsight as looking in the rearview mirror. Would your natural tendency be to spend too much time looking at what has passed or would it be not to check it as often as you probably should?

### **Discuss:**

*Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.*

- ▶ Hindsight is understanding the reality after it occurs. Share one way you have seen the faithfulness of God in your life or around you in the last month.
- ▶ Insight is discernment, to be able to see and understand the current reality. Read James 1:6. This verse talks about wavering and divided loyalty. What might our faith wander to if we are not careful?
- ▶ Foresight is seeing a future need and the ability to meet that need. Read James 1:5. What wisdom for the future is needed in our world today? In your circles? In your personal life?

### **Engage:**

*Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.*

Read John 10:10-11(ESV). Jesus is our good shepherd. He gave his life so we could live life to the full. He leads us, guides us, protects us, provides for us, restores us.

Of that list, which do you need most from your shepherd?

What decision do you need to ask for wisdom from the Lord?

### **Pray:**

*Pray for wisdom for our leaders in the medical profession, in government and in our churches.*