

#3— Defiant Hope  
Psalm 23:5-6

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**Growth Group Preparation Questions**

For the week of April 5, 2020

Prepare for your Growth Group discussion by taking some time to go through the following Growth Group Questions (G2Qs) and be ready to share your thoughts and answers with your group. Have a great time growing in the Word, growing in relationships, and encouraging one another to find enduring hope in Jesus.

**CONNECT**

1. How is getting together online with your G2 making a difference for you?
2. Share your rafting experiences. Why would/wouldn't you be comfortable whitewater rafting without a guide?

**PRAY**

Father, teach us to trust Your path for us so we can follow You in peace in any circumstances.

**DIGGING DEEPER**

1. What hope has been revealed to you during this series in Psalm 23?
2. If you've been meditating in this passage and have committed some to memory, what difference has that made to you? How have you used it?
3. Reflect on this week's sermon. Was anything particularly impactful for you?

4. Read Psalm 23:5b. Describe a time you experienced God's protective anointing, particularly when you did not realize it during the experience.
  - A. How does God's thoughtful preparation of the path ahead give you peace and confidence despite the presence of enemies, particularly amid the current viral enemy?
  - B. Share another enemy surrounding you and how you are reacting to it.
  
5. Read Psalm 23:5a, John 14:3, and Luke 11:11-13. Some of your unmet longings are preparing you for your eternal home. How does this idea reshape your perspective of those longings?
  
6. Read John 16:33. In Shawn's river-guide experience, he said that some people would not have gotten in the raft if they knew the difficulty of rapids to come. What might you have missed out on if you had been told about it beforehand?
  
7. Since God's goodness and mercy are pursuing you, what, generally and specifically, is keeping you from experiencing it?
  - A. Read Matt. 6:34. What needs to change in your heart and life to experience His goodness and mercy?

## PRAYER RESPONSE

1. God, we praise you for Your omniscience, knowing the entire perfect path already.
2. God thank you for Your careful and trustworthy shepherding.
3. God help us trust Your path each step of the way.
4. Group prayer requests (Pray for previous meeting requests and list new ones below).