

Week 2: What does the Shepherd do?

In the midst of life's storms, it's natural to wonder, *When will this pass?* When will I go back to the abundance I experienced before this storm? While we can't always understand God's timing, we can trust that he is the Good Shepherd and that he is worth following.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Have you ever been in a trying circumstance and wondered *when* or even *if* it would ever end? If you feel comfortable sharing, describe that experience to your group.
- 2. Read Psalm 23:2.
 - · What comes to mind when you envision green pastures?
 - Do you ever find yourself trusting the pasture more than the provider in times of abundance? Why do you think that is?
 - What are the consequences of trusting in the provision over the provider?
 - Does this verse (Psalm 23:2) change your perspective on this particular season of waiting? If so, how?
- 3. What are some daily practices that can help you focus on the provider (Jesus) more than the provision?

Changing Your Mind

Is your trust in the provider or the provision right now? Keeping your eyes focused on Jesus is a daily discipline. What is one thing you can do this week to refocus or stay focused on Jesus?