



House Church Study Questions Based on the SAC Sermon on Nov. 15, 2020

Sermon: Life Without Lack Pt.2
Text: Psalm 23

Gathering Guidelines

-Watch Pastor Brian's intro video for this week.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ABMfqNRZvzk>

Take some time to worship

Play a worship song. Pray to Jesus. Be in His presence.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E6MzgVsP2uE>

Read

Psalm 23

Discussion Questions

Let's start off by reading a quote from Dallas Willard's book *Life Without Lack* from last week: "A life without lack is a life in which one is completely satisfied and sustained, no matter what happens. *No matter what happens!* It's not a matter of gritting your teeth and hanging on. It is a matter of real provisions directly from God to you."

Question #1

The first line from Psalm 23 says "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want." (NIV 1984)

The 2011 NIV version says "The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing."

The Amplified version says "The Lord is my Shepherd (to feed, guide, and shield me), I shall not lack."

Which of these speaks most clearly to you and why?

Question #2

Read Philippians 4:19 and ask yourselves two things:

- A. What is it that God promises to supply?**
- B. Do you think He wants to make that a reality in *your* life?**

Question #3

Dallas Willard says that we need to grow into this life with no lack. This means moving from faith of desperation (to Jesus) to faith of sufficiency (in Jesus).

What does faith of desperation (to Jesus) feel like?

What might faith of sufficiency (in Jesus) feel like?

Question #4

Quote from Dallas Willard: “God is the kind of being who, if you will place yourself in his hands, in trust, will ensure that nothing can ever happen to you that will make you say, ‘I’m afraid’ or ‘I don’t have enough.’”

It’s sometimes hard to even know things we are afraid of or areas that we feel anxious about because of lack. These things get so buried down inside of us that we can’t identify them, but they constantly exert pressure on us. Jesus wants you to be free from that.

Take a few moments now to ask Jesus: “Jesus what am I afraid of?” or “Jesus, where do I feel that I don’t have enough?”

Take note of one or two things He reveals to you.

Question #5

Now you have the opportunity to gain some freedom from this fear or sense of lack. . .

In prayer, tell Jesus that you would like to give Him your fear or area of lack/need, and that you would like for Him to be enough for you. Tell Him that you are open to Him providing to change the circumstance, or Him changing your heart. (Either way, you will be delivered from the worry. . .).

If your fear or worry is too personal let your leader know that you don't want to share it publicly but would want to pray it silently as others wait on you. (I would suggest another option: If you really trust one other person in your group, then take that person to another room and share your worry with them and pray as described above.)

This will be your prayer time together in your group this week.

Invitation and Mission for this week

This week take Psalm 23:1 "The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing." and pray that over yourself regularly during your day.

I also commission each in your group to text each other daily, saying that you are praying for them that Jesus will be enough and that you lack nothing. Pray by texting each other and holding each other up to Jesus.