

Unknown Future
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- What questions about the future of our lives/society would you like answered?
 - Will my kids be able to go to school this year?
 - Social Distancing, masks, vaccines, violence?
 - What will our new normal look like?
- Why do we want to know the answers to these questions?
- How was King David's future uncertain during his life?

Read Psalm 23:1-6.

A Breakdown of the 23rd Psalm from the Perspective of Unknown Future

1. If God is My Shepherd There is Nothing Else I Need

- What is David expressing here in the beginning of Psalm 23?
- Why is it important for David to make this declaration?

Read Philippians 4:11-13.

- What essential things have you feared not having enough of this year?
- What do you think David meant by "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want"?

2. He Will Give Me Everything I Need to be at Rest

- How important is rest in your life?
- What do you need in order to achieve good rest?
- What happens when we don't have good rest?

Read Matthew 11:28-30.

- In what ways is Jesus able to provide rest for our lives?

3. When I Get Turned Upside Down He Rights Me

- What are some ways that we get "upside down" in life?
- How do we get "right side up"?

Read 1 Peter 5:10.

- How does facing the unknown cause us to feel like we don't know which end is up?
- How does Jesus help us get back on our feet?

4. He Knows the Way

- Share a personal experience about getting lost.
- What is the benefit of having already been somewhere?
- When the future is unknown to us how can we know the way?
- Why is it difficult to know which way to go when we don't know the future?

Read Proverbs 3:5-6.

- What are some of the things that God provides us to help us know where to go?

5. His Presence Keeps Fear Away

- Share an experience about being afraid while being alone.
- Why do we feel safer when we are with someone else?

Read Deuteronomy 31:6 and Romans 8:38-39.

- What does it mean to you that even the unknown future can't separate us from God?

6. Your Word Speaks Comfort to Me

- Share an example of how God's Word has comforted you.

Read Psalm 119:52.

- How does God's Word affect how we feel about the unknown future?

7. As Long as I Stay by You, You Protect Me

Read Psalm 5:11.

- How does God protect us from the little irritations that surround us?

8. I Have More Than I Need

Read Philippians 4:19.

- In the face of an unknown future how can God provide for everything we need?
- Do good things follow in your wake?

Read Romans 15:13.

- Is there an overflow of God's blessing in your life?

Read and reflect on Jeremiah 29:11.