

# Sermon Discussion Guide

May 15, 2022

## READ

Read Psalm 23 and Genesis 39:2–3, 21–23 aloud and consider making some observations about the passage.

**Sermon Recap:** *Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:*

- “The presence of the Shepherd is our life, our joy, our safety, and our fulfillment.”
- “God is always good, but the arc of God’s goodness is longer than we typically think.”
- Psalm 23 and the story of Joseph teach us to wait patiently, confidently, authentically, intimately, and expectantly.

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. As you consider the story of Joseph in Genesis, what sticks out to you the most?
2. The narrator repeatedly emphasizes that God was with Joseph (39:2, 3, 21, 23). What is the effect of God’s presence in Joseph’s life? What is the writer trying to teach us?
3. Name three things in your life that would change if you truly believed in all things that God was with you.
4. What does it look like to wait on God? How can we encourage one another in our times of waiting?

Weekly Response Questions	Prayer
<input type="checkbox"/> Reflect: How is God’s presence manifest in your life?	<input type="checkbox"/> Praise God for Jesus, who came down to be Immanuel—God with us.
<input type="checkbox"/> Respond: What can you do to regularly remind yourself of God’s presence?	<input type="checkbox"/> Ask God that his Spirit would help us trust in and enjoy his presence with us.
<input type="checkbox"/> Reach: Who do you know that is in a season of waiting that needs to hear about God’s presence?	<input type="checkbox"/> Pray that God’s presence would empower you to do his work in his world (Matthew 28:18–20).