

# The Life Challenge

*"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10*

**Title:** The Lord is My Shepherd

**Text:** Psalm 23

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## WARM-UP

Talk together about the events and stories of this last week of local floods, mudslides and fires. How are you navigating through the difficulties and disasters of this year?

## DISCUSSION

1. What have you noticed about the orientation of the inner compass of your life - away from God (desolation); toward God (consolation)? What have you learned about orienting your inner compass to better navigate your life? How are you doing with your orientation toward or away from God now?
2. Psalm 23 is likely the most enduring and endearing poem in the Bible. Everyone seems to gain personal consolation, inspiration, encouragement and hope from these words. There are nine phrases. Ask members of your group to ponder one of those phrases and reflect back to the group in this way:
  - I believe this to be true about God because...(another verse?)
  - I have experienced this to be true about God when...
  - I encourage you to set your inner compass toward God by...
3. Pray together:
  - Pray for the people that you know have experienced loss and dislocation through this disaster.
  - Pray for the members of the group, remembering what they have shared in the discussion.