**The Love of the King - 12/9 Discussion Questions**

Psalm 23

***Review***

· Transcendence – God is Infinitely Glorious (Psalm 2)

· Immanence – God is Personally Present (Psalm 23)

“Love Protects and Provides.” Josh McDowell

*“For no one ever hated his own flesh, but* ***nourishes and cherishes*** *it, just as Christ does the church.”*

Ephesians 5:29

**God Demonstrate His Love for us in His:**

· **Protection**

o From Internal Enemies – Distraction & Disobedience (v. 1,4)

o From External Enemies – Danger (1 Cor. 10:13), Deception & Death (v. 2,4)

· **& Provision** of

o Rest (v. 1)

o Refreshment (v. 2 - physical)

o Restoration (v. 3 - spiritual)

o Relationship (v. 4,6)

· **in Christ** (John 10:11)

o Complete Protection (Rom. 8:1-4;31-38)

o Eternal Provision (Eph. 1:3-7)

***Connect***

1. What do you know about sheep? How do you feel about the Bible comparing us to sheep?
2. When has God used Psalm 23 to speak to you? Any particular moments or seasons when it was especially meaningful to you?

***Read Psalm 23***

***Discuss***

1. According to vv. 1-3, how does God shepherd us? What do these verses teach us about God and His care for His people?
2. What makes v. 4 so comforting? How is the presence of God central to what we really need?
3. Why does David mention enemies (v. 5)? What do verses 5-6 add to the Psalm?

***Apply***

1. How is Jesus the fulfillment of this passage? How does Psalm 23 lead you to love, trust, appreciate and worship Jesus more?
2. How does this Psalm speak to you today?

***Pray***

1. How can we pray for you this week?