

Sermon Questions for Life Groups
Love That Transforms (Psalm 23)

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*These questions are generated by several authors for Life Group discussions
or family or personal devotions*

1. Pastor Chris gave us an update on the WH team in the Philippines – have you been reading the blog posts? What has struck you the most about their ministry so far? Pray for the team in their final week.
2. Why do Christians fall into the trap of over- volunteering at their church? How do you do this? How do you feel about people who can give more time to serving at the church than you? Consider 2Corinthians 10:18)
3. Pastor Chris said that our attitude shouldn't be to avoid sin just to earn God's love, but we should avoid sin because we love God. With this thought in mind, can you share what you think is the difference between obedience and surrender? (I John 4:19)
4. What do we need in our lives to be agents of God's grace? What has to happen in us for that to happen?
5. Pastor Chris challenged us to think of a word to summarize God's thoughts about each of us. What word comes to mind to describe you? What does your father contribute to your concept of the heavenly Father?
6. Read I John 3:1; Discuss this statement: “God does not love us equally, but He does love us uniquely”. What do you think? Per Pastor Chris's example, can you share one (of many!) memory as to how God showed His love uniquely towards you?

7. Consider Isaiah 55:8 and Romans 8:38-39. How do we discipline our minds to the TRUTH?

8. When they are sad, angry or deeply emotional in many other ways, people often speak to their close family in ways that they would never talk to another person.
 - a) What does David's honesty with God tell you about his relationship with the father?
 - b) Do you feel like you have a relationship with God where you could be this honest or do you feel unworthy to speak to God in this way?

9. As we spend more time in the Word, we get to know the stories of God's people. What parts of David's story make him particularly qualified to write Psalm 23 about:
 - a) Shepherding
 - b) Walking through the valley of the shadow of death
 - c) Having a table prepared before him in the presence of his enemies?

10. What did **you** get out of Pastor Chris' walk through psalm 23?

11. Do you like to spend time with God? How would you describe your love for Jesus? How can we tweak that time from being just the development of our head-knowledge to falling in love with our Saviour?

12. The title of this message is *Love That Transforms*. Share how you might work in partnership with God to be transformed from the inside out? (John 8:31-32, Psalm 1)