

# LifeGroup Meeting

I Shall Not Want 4  
“Eating with my Enemies”

## **Get To Know You Question:**

How would you answer this joke: “What do sheep wear to the beach?” If you don’t know, make up your own punch line. (If you want to know the correct answer text Scott during your LG and he will give it you.)

## **Let’s Dig Deeper**

1. Someone read all of **Psalms 23**. Spend some time and share some key words that spoke out to you while reading. What is it about those words that spoke to you? Try to find something that you didn’t see last time you read this.
2. In verse 5, a shepherd would read this and say that the sheep are in the tablelands, the high lands, and that the shepherd has put oil on the heads of the sheep so that the fly’s and gnats would not bother them.
  - Does the shepherds viewpoint change how you read verse 5?
  - Most people would say that verse 5 is talking about the victory we will have at the end of time. Why would people think that concerning this verse?
3. Why do you think God would prepare a table for us in the midst of our enemies?
  - What do you think the “table” represents?
  - What do you think “enemies” represents?
  - Do you find it hard to worship and praise God when your “enemies” are surrounding you? Why is that?
4. Pastor Scott mentioned that he tries to deal with his enemies by either ignoring them or trying to get rid of them on his own strength. What are some ways in which you deal with your enemies?
  - How often do we tend to think we are not worthy to be in the presence of God because of past sins and failures?

- How often do we tend to think we are not worthy to be in the presence of God because of present sins?
  - Why do you think we have this tendency to try and clean up ourselves before we feast at the table of God's grace? What is wrong with that idea?
5. There seems to be some evil lurking about in the valleys of our lives (verse 4), but why is it that when we finally make it to the top of the mountain with God that all of a sudden our enemies are surrounding us?
- Why do you think Satan so wants you to fall off the top of the mountain with God?
6. When you look at verse 5, is this passage talking about you or about God?
- Why do you think we want to make it about ourselves?
7. Jesus has defeated all our enemies, even though they are not yet destroyed. How has that thought allowed you to eat in the presence of God while your enemies are watching?
8. Proverbs 27:9 states that oil on the head is like having gladness of heart. Oil can be a picture of satisfaction, gladness, abundance, or fullness. How can you have satisfaction and abundance when you know your past and present sins are watching you?
- Another picture of oil is that of hospitality. Anointing a person with oil has the meaning that you are welcome here. You are my honored guest. What does verse 5 mean to God when he anoints our heads with oil?
9. What do you think the next level (table) or mountain top experience looks like in your life? How might the Lord be preparing that place? How might the Lord be preparing you for it?
10. When you're honest about the way you view your life, do you truly see that your cup overflows? What are a couple practices that you can put into place to help you keep a proper perspective and a grateful heart?
11. End in Prayer.