

Adult Group Study Guide for May 24, 2020

Series: “We’ll Get Through This Together”

Message: “Thriving in the Valley”

Goal: To thrive in the valley – to grow our faith under pressure through perseverance.

Key Verse: *Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.* - Psalm 23:4

1. In what way is living through this time in our history like walking through a dark valley? What unique challenges or hardships are you facing? What are you learning about yourself?
2. Read Psalm 23. The Key Verse above stands out. What does the word “with” communicate in this verse? What are you doing to remind yourself of the presence of God in your life? [One suggestion: Read Psalm 23 every day for the next two weeks and see what happens.]
3. Read John 10:22-30. What is unique about the sheep in these verses? What does it mean to listen to the voice of Jesus? What comfort do you find in the promise that no one will ever snatch you out of the hand of Jesus? (See John 10:11-18.)
4. Read 1 Peter 1:3-7. What does the analogy of “refining” teach us about the value of suffering in our trials? How could you benefit from this refining process? Instead of just “bouncing back” from this crisis, how can we become better followers of Jesus?
5. Read Proverbs 27:17; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; and Hebrews 10:23-25. What do these verses teach us about the value of having a partner in our faith walk? What would it take for you to find a partner? Who comes to your mind?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-5. Who could benefit from your coming alongside of them? How has God equipped you to comfort and encourage another person? In what ways is God working through you to help someone in this time of crisis?