



## FOR THOSE WHO ARE FOUND

PSALM 23

### GETTING STARTED

- Talk about a time in your life when you felt lonely. What were the circumstances around your loneliness? Do you feel lonely right now?

### SCRIPTURE STUDY

**Before you begin:** *Open with prayer and spend a minute or two in silence before God. Have multiple people ask the Holy Spirit to enter your time together and illuminate your hearts and minds to scripture.*

- Have someone read the passage in its entirety aloud. As a group, summarize the passage, and as you do so, note any observations, questions, and exciting insights you found while reading through the text. What jumped out at you? What was something you noticed now that you didn't see before?
- In this Psalm, God is Shepherd, Guide, and Host. Talk about how you see these qualities described and how they also might overlap with each other.
- The scripture says God is MY Shepherd, not just a Shepherd. Why does the Psalmist use this language?
- How come the Psalmist says that the shepherd's rod and staff comfort him?
- God, the shepherd, and the host guide people to food and rest. How does God's hospitality sustain us in the darkest of times?

### WRAPPING UP

- We often hear the words of Psalm 23 at a funeral service. Do you think it would be appropriate to read at a wedding? Or a baptism service? Why or why not?
- Pray Psalm 23 together as a group.