

SMALL GROUP QUESTION GUIDE



Series: UNSHAKEN: When Hope Meets Uncertainty

The Point: Jesus is with me

Scripture: Psalm 23:4; Romans 8:28

Talk It Over:

- How are you? How did this message land on you tonight? What stood out to you?
- **Read Psalm 23:4 Together.** David makes a statement of certainty when he says, “EVEN THOUGH I walk through the VALLEY of the Shadow of death”. What does that tell us? **[Serve Staff Note:** God knows we will all be in the valley of the shadow of death at times. He is not surprised 😊]
- Verse 4 goes on to say “**I WILL FEAR NO EVIL**”. What is the difference between fearing evil and not fearing evil? **[Serve Staff Note:** Hope and faith and knowledge in knowing how something will end = no fear.]
- **Last part of verse 4 says,** “for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me”. What do the rod and the staff King David refers to talking about? **[Serve Staff Note:** Rod = protection & Staff = guidance]
- What might it look like for God to use His ROD and His STAFF in our lives? **[Serve Staff Note:** This is an opportunity for you to share a personal story with your group]

Live It Out:

- Have you ever felt alone in a valley before? Or would you say you are in one now? What is that like? What did you do? How did you think and feel?
- The way we think and feel about God is VERY important. So let’s practice what we learned tonight by capturing our thoughts of **when we were or are in the valley** to change the way we think and not let the enemy have power over our minds.
 - **First,** write the emotion in the center of the page and **CIRCLE IT! What is it you are thinking/feeling?**
 - **Second,** scattered around that large circle, write everything you can think of contributing to that feeling or emotion. Keep going until you have exhausted all possibilities.
 - **Third,** talk to God about it. Pray with your paper in front of you and talk through each thing you’ve written down. Tell God about it. Ask Him to show you what you are believing wrongly about Him and yourself. **[1 Peter 5:7]**
 - **Fourth,** look for patterns and common themes in your circles. Are you worrying about things you cannot control? Are you angry about how you’ve been wronged? Are you obsessed with what you don’t have? Have things like food, sex, entertainment, or money taken over your thoughts? Are you ashamed of what you’ve done in the past? Are you self-critical?
- Spend some time sharing what you wrote down together. See if you can help each other think of the lie you may be believing behind that emotion. Help each other think of scripture verses to fight against the lie or to back up the truth. **[Serve Staff Note:** you should go first 😊, then pick one student who is willing to share their mind map and everyone can help to speak into it].
- Close in prayer for one another with regards to what has been shared and pray the truth of Psalm 23 over your students as you end.

Announcements:

- **SUMMER CAMP!** www.coe22.com/summercamp will tell you all the information you need to know.
- **Next Steps Button:** Encourage any of the students you know who have recently surrendered to Christ or have never been baptized and are interested in taking that step to go to www.coe22.com/students and click on the ‘next steps’ button so we can follow up with them 😊.