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## He Makes Me Lie Down

Our hope for this new series is that you have been able to read *Psalms 23:1-6* every day this past week as well as the daily devotions from the booklet or on the Celebrate app. Before we dive into this week's message, it would be helpful to look back and discuss what we learned from last week's foundational message.

- Discuss how you have developed a deeper understanding of God and His goodness, not only from what He has done for you but by knowing WHO HE IS.
- Discuss how worshiping God for who He is and continuing to ask Him for wisdom and strength has helped you depend more on Him than yourself and be more optimistic about the future.

This week we'll focus on *Psalms 23:2* and what it means for God to make us lie down in green pastures. Sheep will not lie down unless their basic needs are met. As humans, we are prone to be restless, anxious and discontent unless we believe something or someone is meeting our five basic needs of sufficiency, security, stability, significance and spirituality.

**Sufficiency.** Discuss what you really need in life, and who or what could satisfy your need of sufficiency. *2 Corinthians 9:8; Philippians 4:19; 1 Timothy 6:6*

**Security.** Like sheep, people need to feel safe. In this insecure world, who should we ultimately rely on for total security? *Psalms 18:1-3; Psalm 46:1-2; John 14:1-3*

**Stability.** We constantly hear negative information about our world, our political system and economy, so how can we satisfy our need for stability in such an unstable world?  
*Psalms 23:2; Matthew 7:24-29; James 1:5-8*

**Significance.** We all want to feel that our life matters. We may not feel as smart, attractive or successful as other people, so how can we satisfy our need for significance?  
*Ephesians 1:6 (KJV); 1 Samuel 16:7; Psalm 139:1-18*

**Spirituality.** The world is full of many religions because every person has a basic need for spirituality. With so many different philosophies and religions, how can we be sure we are following the one true God; His Son Jesus Christ, who is the only way to be saved; and the Holy Spirit, who leads and guides us into an abundant life on earth and eternal life in heaven?  
*Psalms 4:8; John 14:6; John 14:9-11, 15-21*

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### **Make It Real:**

- Continue to seek after the abundant life God has provided by getting to truly know Him and His Son, Jesus Christ. *John 17:3*
- Trust that only God can continually supply all your needs for sufficiency, security, stability, significance and spirituality according to His riches in glory. *Philippians 4:19*
- Share this message with your world by your manner of life. We need to tell them we are followers of Christ, but they also need to SEE the evidence.