## Psalm 23 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; <sup>3</sup> he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Storytelling in small groups or personal reflection. One by one, each person shares their answer to the first prompt below. Then go to the next question and so forth. A person can pass.

- 1) Share about when did you first heard or read Psalm 23 and how does it speak, or not speaks, to you now. What verse is your favorite?
- 2) Share about your thoughts and feelings when you read "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me: your rod and your staff they comfort me."
- **3)** Share about your thoughts and feelings when you read "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long."