

LIFE GROUPS

SERMON NOTES



I Shall Dwell in the House of the Lord Forever

Psalm 23:6, September 24, 2023, Pastor Koby Orr

START TALKING | asking questions to get you thinking.

1. What are some things people believe will make this world a better place?
2. How does sin prevent people from making this world a better place?

START SHARING | asking questions that engage with the message.

Please read Psalm 23:1-6.

3. Please read 1 John 5:13. What gives believers confidence that we will live in the house of the Lord forever?
4. Our hope as believers is that we will dwell in the house of the Lord.
 - a. Define the word “dwell.”
 - b. Please read Revelation 21:1-4 and 22:4. How does dwelling with God in heaven restore what was lost in the garden of Eden?
 - c. Compare and contrast Randy Alcorn’s description of living in heaven* versus living on earth.
5. Please read Psalm 84:11 and Romans 8:18. How does the promise of eternity offer perspective on trials, persecution, emotional and physical pain, and suffering?

START LIVING | asking questions that apply God’s Word to daily life.

6. Reflect on Psalm 23. Consider your thoughts and feelings. In what ways has this Psalm revived your soul?
7. Write a prayer, expressing your desire to dwell in the house of the Lord forever and for a heart of anticipation for that day.

*Randy Alcorn describes heaven in this way, “No death, no suffering. No funeral homes, abortion clinics, or psychiatric wards. No rape, missing children, or drug rehabilitation centers. No bigotry, no muggings or killings. No worry or depression or economic downturns. No wars, no unemployment. No anguish over failure and miscommunication. No con men. No locks. No death. No mourning. No pain. No boredom. No arthritis, no handicaps, no cancer, no taxes, no bills, no computer crashes, no weeds, no bombs, no drunkenness, no traffic jams and accidents, no septic-tank backups. No mental illness. No unwanted e-mails. Close friendships but no cliques, laughter but no put-downs. Intimacy, but no temptation to immorality. No hidden agendas, no backroom deals, no betrayals. Imagine mealtimes full of stories, laughter, and joy, without fear of insensitivity, inappropriate behavior, anger, gossip, lust, jealousy, hurt feelings, or anything that eclipses joy. That will be Heaven.”