



A VALLEY *always* MEANS A WRONG TURN

Psalms 23

~Life Group Questions~

1. What principles or insights from Sunday's sermon did you find to be...
 - a. most helpful?
 - b. most challenging?
 - c. most troubling?
 - d. Why?

2. Before hearing Sunday morning's sermon, how would you have responded to the statement, "a valley always means a wrong turn?"
 - a. Would you have agreed or disagreed?

 - b. Why?

3. Have you ever found yourself in a valley and believed that you were there because you made a wrong turn?
 - a. If so, how did that impact your walk with God and your ability to trust God's goodness?
 - b. If not, have you seen someone else traveling through a valley and asking when and where they had made a wrong turn? What biblical advice would you offer such a person?

4. Pastor Kurt mentioned three types of valleys that Christians commonly go through: 1) the valley determined by sin, 2) the valley designed by God and 3) the valley darkened by mystery.
 - a. Which of these valleys have you most recently experienced?

 - b. Which of these valleys do you find most perplexing?

5. Read Genesis 13:1-13 and discuss what you learn about Lot and how he found himself in a valley determined by sin.

6. Read Mark 1:9-13 and discuss what you learn about walking through a valley designed by God.

7. Read Job 1:6-12 and discuss what you learn about valleys that are darkened by mystery.

8. Read Romans 8:28-30 and Proverbs 17:3 and discuss Pastor Kurt's assertion that "God isn't as concerned about us getting out of the valley as He is concerned about getting the valley out of us."

Proverbs 17:3

The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, But the Lord tests hearts.

9. What should be our next step when we find ourselves in a valley determined by our own sin?

a. C _____

b. R _____

10. What should we ask when we find ourselves in a valley designed by God?

W _____ **C** _____ **I** **L** _____.

11. Discuss the importance of not asking the question "why?" when we find ourselves mired in a valley darkened by mystery.

12. Think back to a valley you successfully navigated. When you stood on the mountaintop and looked back into the valley,

- a. what were some of the emotions you experienced?
- b. What were some of the things you learned about yourself?
- c. What were some of the things you learned about God?