Believe Week 2

Personal God

**Key Verse**

Psalm 121:1-2

*“I lift up my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.”*

**Key Idea**

I believe God is involved in and cares about my daily life

**Group Discussion**

Four Key Statements About a Personal God

* I believe God has a purpose for my life
* I believe pain and suffering can often bring me closer to God
* I believe God is actively involved in my life
* I believe God enables me to do things I could not or would not otherwise do

Which of these four key statements are easy for you to declare with certainty? Which are more challenging, and why?

Describe specific ways you experience God in your daily life

What activities, disciplines or habits help to heighten your awareness of God’s activity in your life?

**Psalm 23**

*The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.****2****He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,****3****he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
    for his name’s sake.****4****Even though I walk
    through the darkest valley,[*[*a*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2023&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14240a)*]
I will fear no evil,
    for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
    they comfort me.*

***5****You prepare a table before me
    in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
    my cup overflows.****6****Surely your goodness and love will follow me
    all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
    forever.*

What actions do we see God the Shepherd perform in Psalm 23? Which of these actions best describe your interactions with God? Which feel less familiar to your relationship with God?

Why is it challenging to trust that God’s ways are higher than our ways? How can we overcome these obstacles?

What thoughts and emotions come to mind when you think about the fact that God has a good plan for your life?