

STUDY GUIDE: “Arnold Schwarzensheep”

Discussion Starters

1. What Action Hero would you like to be? Why?
2. What animal do you most identify with? Why?

Study

This study guide is designed to follow up the sermon “Arnold Schwarzensheep” at NOCC on 12/30/18. If you weren’t in worship at NOCC that Sunday, listen to the sermon on nocc.org or the NOCC app.

3. Read Psalm 23 in preparation for this study.

To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek or Hebrew word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

4. Define the following words or terms. Note for each of them how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage, and why you think this word was chosen.

--“LORD” (Psalm 23:1)

--“want” (Psalm 23:1)

--“soul” (Psalm 23:3)

--“rod” (Psalm 23:4)

--“staff” (Psalm 23:4)

5. What do we know about David, the author of this Psalm?

6. Describe a shepherd. Where did you learn this?

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7. What is the significance of “green pastures” and “quiet waters” to a sheep? What would the human equivalent be?

8. What is the valley of the shadow of death?

9. What is the difference between the “rod” and the “staff”? Why do they comfort the sheep?

Taking It Home

10. How is being a good sheep effective spiritual warfare?

11. Which duty of a sheep do you find the most difficult to fulfill? Why?

12. What can you do this week to be a better sheep?