

## Break Time, pt. 2

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1. God is concerned about His name (v. 3). How should we respond as ones bearing His name? How does His concern for His name give us hope?
2. The shadowed aspects of life come in a variety of forms. What are some other shadow-lands, other than death?
3. How does the presence of God encourage comfort? How does His rod and staff bring comfort?
4. In what ways does God provide food for us? What is the significance in God “preparing a table” (v. 5)?
5. What types of enemies would sheep have? What types of enemies would we have as believers?
6. The anointing of a sheep’s head may refresh and protect it. Consider the dining process where the host anoints the guests. Compare this with Jesus’ words in Luke 7:36-50 and His actions in John 13:1-17.
7. The overflowing cup (v. 5) is symbolic of God’s over-the-top provision. What are some words you would use to describe God’s extra effort to provide?
8. Being a child of God has benefits for this life and for the life to come. Discuss how both of these should be emphasized in our praise of God.

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**Psalm 23** <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup>He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. <sup>3</sup>He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. <sup>4</sup>Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will 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 runs over. <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

# Read: John 1:1-18

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**Monday**

1-3 — Focus on Jesus as the Creator, He made all things. How should this affect your life?

**Tuesday**

4,5 — He is the Light. Why do so many not see the light? What can you do to help them see?

**Wednesday**

6-10 — John the Baptist was responsible for reflecting Christ. How did he reflect the true light? How does that apply to you?

**Thursday**

11-13 — Some received and some did not. What are some reasons why people are not believing what Jesus did for them?

**Friday**

14-18 — John was a witness of Jesus, and Jesus is the Witness for the Father. How does Jesus help us to see the Father?

**Saturday**

Reread the passage and jot down some questions for ENCORE.

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