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Pastor Ryan Paulson

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#### Discussion Questions for Sermon-Based Life Groups

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#### CONNECTING

1. What was one of the darkest times you ever experienced in your life?

#### GROWING

2. Psalm 23:4 starts with "Even though ..."

a. What comes to mind as you read those words?

b. What comes to mind (and heart) as you realize that sometimes God leads us into these dark valleys?

3. We talked about two main ways that we shut down perseverance. Which ones can you identify with the most, and why? What is one thing you can do, or continue to do, to grow in perseverance?

#### SHARING

4. The message ended with three challenges and/or encouragements. Which of the three did you need to hear most, and why? How can your group pray for you, as it relates to the one you chose?

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Faithfulness in the **darkness** is vital for a life of **discipleship**.

- **Pain is inevitable.**
- **Perseverance is essential.**
- **Presence is promised.**

**Suffering** is never the end of the **story**!