

# PEACE IN / PEACE OUT

## LESSON 4 // MAKING GOOD DECISIONS

**Big Idea:** Psalm 23:3 tells us that the Lord is a Good Shepherd who guides us in “paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.” We need to learn how He wants to guide us in our decisions because better decisions under His direction lead to His peace.

Many of our decisions have huge implications. They affect not only our lives, but also the lives of others around us. Our goal should be to make the right life decisions. This involves valuing God’s guidance, being humble, teachable, attentive, faithful and patient toward Him, and trusting His navigation system.

**Psalm 23:1-3 (NIV)** *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, <sup>3</sup> he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.*

### Start Talking:

- Has social distancing made anything easier in your life? If so, what?
- Now, what about the other side? What has social distancing made more difficult for you?

### Start Thinking:

- Good decision making is vital to experiencing peace during challenging times. To get to the place God has for us, we need His guidance in our lives. What are some ways that you seek guidance from God?
- **Read Isaiah 53:6 & Proverbs 14:12.** This week Pastor Dale shared that to make good decisions, we must “**Be Guidable**”. At what times do you find it most difficult to seek and follow God’s guidance in your life?
- Following God’s guidance requires us to be engaged in a relationship with Him and to be in tune with how he leads us. How do you most regularly seek God’s guidance? Has this been the same during this season of life?
- **Read Proverbs 23:19 & Psalm 25:9.** David experienced the benefits of listening to God’s guidance and the consequences of not listening to God’s guidance. What can you do this week to ensure that you are positioning yourself to be more guidable?

### Start Praying:

Pray with (and for) your group. Ask for wisdom and courage this week to trust in God as your group members make decisions. Pray that your group would intentionally seek God’s guidance in His Word, through the Holy Spirit and by seeking encouraging godly relationships.

### Start Doing:

- As you face tough decisions this week, remember that God wants to guide you. He does that through His Word, the Holy Spirit and wise advice (relationships).
- Attend church online this coming weekend - <https://church-redeemer.churchonline.org>. If possible host a watch party over Facebook and be part of service with your group.