



The God Who Provides

SUMMARY:

During biblical times, names were used as descriptors for someone's character or persona. The name of an individual served as a glimpse into them as a person. The pages of Scripture are filled with different names for our God, names that describe His character and help us know Him more. One of the names given to God in the Bible is "Jehovah-Jireh," meaning "the God who provides." This name is a beautiful illustration of the provision and care God shows His people.

In Psalm 23, the psalmist, David, emphasizes the truth that God gives us what we need. He does not withhold any good thing from us. Scripture is full of the reminder that He is Jehovah-Jireh. Through the blood of Jesus, God has provided salvation and invitation into His family. He protects us from evil and walks with us in joy and in pain. He meets our needs through the generosity of His people, our brothers and sisters in Christ. We often think of God as far away, but the picture of God as our Good Shepherd reminds us that He is close and present, walking with us. The Good Shepherd is a portrait of Jehovah-Jireh meeting our needs, just as a shepherd intentionally and unceasingly cares for his sheep.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Upward:

Read Psalm 23 aloud as a group. What are some ways God has provided for you?

Inward:

Are there any needs that you are having trouble trusting God to meet? What makes it difficult to see Him as Jehovah-Jireh in this area of your life? How can you invite him into this part of your life? Read Psalm 16:5-11 as a reminder that you can trust God to provide.

Outward:

How are you partnering with God in meeting the needs of others through your generosity of your time, talents, or treasures?