STONEBRIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Icebreaker:

What's something small that brought you unexpected comfort during a hard time—like a favorite song, a walk, a conversation, or even a meme?

Discussion Questions (20 minutes)

Read Psalm 23

- 1. What's your first reaction to this title: When the Lord Gives You More than You Can Handle? Have you ever felt like you were given more than you could carry? What did that season teach you?
- 2. **Psalm 23:4 says, "Even though I walk through the valley..."** How does that image of walking through—not sitting in—the valley speak to your faith journey right now?
- 3. In his message, Roy Lawson said, "You don't want the pain to go away completely—because you don't want to forget." What's something or someone you still carry with you, even in the pain?
- 4. Roy also talked about how grief looks different for different people—even in the same family. Have you experienced this in your own life? How do you honor those differences without pulling away from each other?
- 5. "The best medicine for a grieving heart is losing yourself in helping another."

 Have you ever found healing by helping someone else? How could your past pain serve someone today?

Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

6. What kind of comfort has God given you? Who might need that same comfort from you this week?

7. In talking about losing his son, the speaker said, "I wouldn't want to be the person I was before I lost him." How has a difficult season changed your values, your faith, or your relationships?

Next Step Challenge

• Download/open the YouVersion Bible App this week if you don't have it yet!



Invite group members to share names (or initials) of those they know who are grieving. Pray that:

- God would walk with them through the valley.
- They would feel the comfort of Christ through the people around them.
- We would be open to loving and comforting others through our own experiences.