

Servant Leadership

As you gather together to hear and apply God's Word, start by sharing how you were influenced by the previous study since your group last met. Use the following questions for review.

D Debrief & Interpret

- How did you apply the previous Scripture study?
- What did you learn about God as you applied the Word? What did you learn about yourself?

H Hear the Word

Nurses serve patients in the basest of ways, with ADLs or cleaning up messes from sick patients. Yet nurses are also in positions of leadership by supervising staff, planning patient care, teaching, etc. How do we balance these extreme roles in our profession while honoring the Lord?

[Read Psalm 23:1-6:](#)

- ¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
- ² He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
- ³ he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.
- ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- ⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Discuss:

- The author of the psalm, David, is writing about how the Lord relates to him. Re-read the Psalm, this time imagining God saying these words to you personally. How does the Lord meet your needs by how he relates to you?
- Re-read the Psalm, underlining the verbs and descriptions of leadership qualities.
- Read it again, circling the verbs and descriptions of servant qualities.
- Now think of yourself in the role of nurse:
 - How do you use leadership qualities in your role?
 - How do you use servant qualities in your role?
 - How do these qualities affect the spiritual care you give your patients?



R Respond Actively

As you end your study, choose one or both of the options below to apply the Scripture to your life this week.

- *Internal:* Which phrase in Psalm 23 connects most deeply to you today as you consider how you need God to relate to you? Set the phrase as a daily reminder on your phone, so that God's words in the Psalm can influence how you live your life this week
- *External:* The Lord combines the traits of servanthood and leadership in Psalm 23 – he is the ultimate servant leader. What servanthood and leadership traits do you want to practice this week in your clinical experiences? Try to identify a concrete way to live out each of these traits this week.