

## Discussion Notes: Psalm 23. 5

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Psalm 23 is an image Psalm

- Worship is about everyday life, thus we are given accessible, familiar settings.
- Green pastures, still waters, death valley, battle fields, etc.

A table in the presence of enemies

- The image and sense of being surrounded.
- A staggering image, something of a juxtaposition. A table of abundance and welcome in the midst of people trying to take from you. The utmost blessing in the middle of a curse.
- We can't work for it, we must receive.
- **Our call is to sit.**

Anointing oil on the head

- An image of refreshment and honour.
- **Our call is the bow.**

An overflowing cup

- This cup isn't half full or half empty, it's overflowing.
- Abundance can never be wasted, this is no meager meal.
- This is a powerful precursor and foreshadow of Jesus and the cup of blessing he gives us as he takes on the cup of wrath.
- **Our call is to drink.**

## Discussion Questions

- What struck you about this part of the Psalm.
- What did you learn from these images?
- How will you take steps to sit, bow and drink this week?