

Weekly Discussion Guide – 2-5-2023

1. Share a fond memory of when just being present with someone was meaningful and enough.
2. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Romans 12:12, and Ephesians 6:18. What do these verses challenge us to do?
3. Now, read 1 Kings 19:11-13 and John 10:1-5. What stands out to you from either of these passages?
4. Can you think of other “voices” that compete with our Good Shepherd’s? How can we practice listening to His voice through the noise of other voices?
5. The sermon suggested that prayer is more than just “talking to God.” We get to a place where prayer is practicing the presence of God. Respond to this statement. Do you agree, does this challenge or inspire, or do you feel resistance to this definition?
6. How might you practice God’s presence more actively this week? Some examples may include a habit you’ve already begun in recent weeks, a daily time of solitude and/or silence, the prayer of examen we learned about last week, “breath prayers” (short prayers the length of a breath that you repeat throughout the day to stay connected with God), or beginning a conversation with God in the morning that you intentionally pick back up at points throughout your day.