



## THE GRASS IS ALWAYS GREENER, PART 1: ON THE OTHER SIDE

### INTRODUCTION

*The grass is always greener on the other side.* It may be an old cliché, but it lurks in every one of us. It's that thing we don't currently have that we think will give us what we want most. It's an insatiable appetite for more. It never leads to joy. It robs us of life. So, what do we do with our longing for the greener grass?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. As soon as I get \_\_\_\_\_, then I'll have what I want. How would you currently fill in that blank?
2. Talk about a time when you got what you thought you wanted. Did it give you lasting satisfaction? Why or why not?
3. Read 1 Samuel 9:1-2. Saul was defined by his external characteristics and how he was doing compared to others. Do others try to define you in similar ways? Do you ever look for identity by comparing yourself to others?
4. Read 2 Samuel 11:1-3. David was a wealthy and powerful king who seemed to have it all, but he still pursued another man's wife. His behavior put his family, reputation, and maybe even the kingdom at risk. Why is it so common for people to allow their appetites to lead them into dangerous places?
5. Read Psalm 23: 1-4. Circle the emotions that get in the way of you trusting that God is your shepherd and you lack nothing in him:

Greed	Envy
Jealousy	Lust
Anger	Selfishness
Suspicion	Argumentativeness

What are some things you've experienced that shaped the way you feel when it comes to getting what you want?

6. Reflect on how you filled in the blank in Question 1. What is one step you can take this week to stop trying to get to the greener grass on your own and to trust God to lead you there?

### MOVING FORWARD

The greener grass is possible, but you can't get there on your own. God wants to lead you to the greener grass, but you have to choose to follow.

### WEEKLY READING

This week, take some time to read and reflect on Psalm 23.