

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Psalms Series

These questions are for the **September 5, 2021** sermon, "Two Ways." Please read the sermon passage (Psalm 1) together out loud.

Sermon Outline

AS WE CONSIDER THE WAYS OF HUMANITY, NOTE . . .

1. The description of those whom God views favorably. (1-3)
 - a. God blesses those who receive his rule and trust his promise.
 - b. Note the three-fold negative . . .
 - i. "Does not walk" with the wicked. Is not going the same direction.
 - ii. "Does not stand" with the sinners. Is not getting comfortable with.
 - iii. "Does not sit" with scoffers. Is not identified with, does not take a formal role with them (like a judge who is "seated.")
 - c. Instead, the one God is pleased with "delights in God's law," Torah.
 - i. In the Word, day and night (see Joshua 1:8)
 - ii. Like a fruitful tree.
2. The description of those whom God views unfavorably. (4-6)
 - a. The wicked are like chaff. No roots. No fruit. Merely blown by the winds.
 - b. Note the contrast of judgment between righteous and unrighteous:
 - i. Unrighteous: sit in the sit of judgment, judging others. They will be judged.
 - ii. Righteous: legally declared righteous by God. The Lord knows their ways.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Those who are righteous are aware of the danger of compromise which begins with "walking" alongside wicked counsel, "standing" around connecting with sinners and then being so accepted by scoffers that they are invited to "sit" (formally judging) with them. What is your blind spot? Your weakest area? Where might you be prone to this slow fade?
2. Based on #1, above: The righteous person loves and "delights" in God's Word. So happy and satisfied with God's Word that days begin and end with it. Is this true of you? In what ways are you becoming more and more disciplined in your study of and love for God's Word?
3. Based on #2, above: The wicked are like chaff: blowing aimlessly in the wind with no roots, no purpose, no fruit and no substance. They go after and accomplish things that do not matter, or worse, things that are harmful. Does your mindset and emotions show that you believe this?
4. Based on #2, above: Note that the aimless, chaff-like wicked judge others and invite people into their "seat of judgment." But the congregation of the righteous refuses to live like this. Instead, they have been judged (declared righteous) by God in Christ Jesus. "The way of the righteous" is known by God. What is your association and practice when it comes to judgment?