

## Sermon Discussion Questions for March 17, 2019

Scripture Passage: Psalm 1

Sustainable Blessings and Happiness come through seeking out the Lord

1. What key point stood out to you in the message?
2. Listen to the song “slow fade” by Casting Crowns. How does this compare to the progression of the ungodly in verse 1? Walking, standing, and sitting. Moving toward ungodly counsel, standing amongst sinful activities, and then consciously engaging in sinful activity.
3. Blessings come from NOT allowing Satan to lure and trap us. Verse two gives us proactive ways to flee from the temptation. What is God’s law? Since this was written before Jesus physically entered our world and died for our sins, is this instruction still helpful? How did Jesus sum up the law and the prophets? Matthew 22:37-40.
4. What image is given in verse 3 to describe the person who resists the temptations of Satan and aligns his/her life with the “instruction of God/the law of the Lord?” How is this contrasted with the ungodly, the one who does NOT align himself/herself with the instruction of the Lord (verse 4)?
5. A truly blessed and happy life comes from following Jesus, the fulfillment of the “law of the Lord.” Where do people seek happiness? (job, entertainment, relationships with others, etc.). Are these things wrong? The Psalmist directs us to first seek the Lord and then experience the blessing of God. See Matthew 6:33.
6. Where are you trying to find happiness and joy?
  - Remember to pray for each other’s unique challenges and commit to pray throughout the week for one another.
  - Love others as Christ loves you.
  - Fill your mind and heart with the gospel of Christ Jesus.
  - Live out the gospel of Christ which calls for radical Love for God and Love for others.