

October 1, 2017
Psalm 37

Trust & Obey

Introduction:

Verses 1-2

Do not fret – fretting is...

Do not envy –

God will deal with the wicked

Verses 3-4 (Proverbs 3:5-6; Romans 8:35-39; Matthew 6:33)

Trust in the Lord

Do right

Stay put

Feed on God's faithfulness

Delight in the Lord

He will give you the desires of your heart

Verses 5-6 (Proverbs 16:3-4; 1 Peter 4:19; Psalm 115:3)

Commit your way to the Lord

Trust in him

He will vindicate you

Verse 7

Be still before the Lord

Wait patiently for him

Do not fret

Questions for Group Discussion

1. Why does it seem that those who do what is right always lose and those who do wrong win? Is it really that way...in the short term? ...in the long term?
2. Practically speaking, what can a person do to demonstrate his or her faith in God when confronting this issue?
3. Why is it so hard to wait for God to act? Who in the Scripture had trouble waiting on God? What happened to them?
4. What does our continued obedience to God in the face of adversity show?
5. Why is it so hard to “stay put” when we face challenges that others who don’t do things God’s way don’t face?
6. God will vindicate those who are righteous in his timing. What can we do in the meantime – while we are waiting – to keep ourselves from growing angry, impatient or envious? How can we keep our eyes on the Lord?
7. Why do so few Christians actually delight – take pleasure in – their relationship to the Lord? How can we change that? How can we grow closer to the Lord?