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Psalm 1
The Blessed Life

Introduction:

Excuses:

God wants me to be happy, so....

“God never leads people to disobey or disregard His Word.”

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The “Happy” (Blessed) Person

Blessed -

Who does not _____ in step with the wicked

Who are the wicked?

Who does not _____ in the way that sinners take

Who does not _____ in the company of mockers

They DELIGHT in God’s Word

The take pleasure in reading and knowing it.

The think about it all day.

The Results of Life’s choices contrasted

The righteous – a tree – stable, provided for, fruitful, enduring, and prosperous.

The wicked – NOT SO!

Chaff – useless and blown away

In Judgement – will not stand

WHY?

Because the LORD watches over the righteous

The way of the wicked leads to destruction

Questions for Group Discussion

1. What crazy excuses have you heard (or given)?
2. When have you heard someone say, “God wants me to be happy”? What was it that they were trying to rationalize?
3. How might you reconcile the fact that some people appear to have a “blessed” existence, with the fact that some of the same people live wicked lives?
4. How might you reconcile the fact that some who live righteously suffer, and don’t seem to be “blessed”?
5. What might this psalm (and others we’ve studied recently) have to say about this?
6. According to this psalm, how important would you say God’s Word is to a “blessed” life? How important is it to you? Is that reflected in how much time you spend reading or listening to it?
7. In God’s perspective, describe the wicked and the righteous. Which picture is more pleasant? Why does it appear that the wicked have it easier now? Is this really the case? How so?
8. What blessing can you derive from verse 6? What warning?