



Growth Group Discussion Guide

Passage: Psalm 1

Introduction: In this psalm David contrasts the way of the righteous with the way of the wicked. The way of the righteous is known by the Lord and results in eternal blessing; while the way of the wicked is worthless and results in eternal judgment. Ultimately this psalm points us to Jesus and challenges us to consider the worthlessness of self-righteousness and the wonder of the Gospel.



Into the Word

Describe the righteous person based on this psalm.
What characterizes their life? What is their motivation?

Compare: Jeremiah 9:24

Note: Blessedness in Scripture references the receptive presence of God.

Describe the wicked based on this psalm. How one is influenced by the wicked?

Note: Notice the downward progression of those influenced by the wicked.

What is the destiny of the righteous? The wicked?

Compare: Matthew 7:21-23

How is Jesus the fulfillment of this psalm?

Consider: Romans 3:20-23



Into the Heart

How do we try to establish our own sense of righteousness? How does this hinder us from delighting in the Gospel?

Consider: Isaiah 64:6

Read 1 John 5:3 How is our delight in God related to our ability to follow Jesus? How can we move from obligation to delight in our relationship with God?



Into the World

How has our culture rejected the categories of righteous and wicked? Read [this article](#). Discuss why the uncomfortable doctrine of hell is still important today.

How might this psalm help you interact with unbelievers who are concerned about issues of injustice in our society?