



THE
WORD

SESSION SNAPSHOT

AN UNCHANGING WORD IN A CHANGING WORLD

NARRATIVE PASSAGE:

Psalm 1:1-6

GOSPEL FOCUS:

Romans 7:21-24

TAKEAWAYS:

- Success for a Christian lies in your obedience
- Our obedience looks like reading the Word, listening to Jesus, and following Him

LAST WEEK'S READING:

- Psalm 51
- 2 Samuel 24; Psalm 24
- Psalm 1; 19
- Psalm 103; 119:1-48
- Psalm 119:49-128

STUDY THE WORD

When would you say was the happiest time in your life?

The Psalmist says that the godly will be “happy” or “blessed.” What do you think it means to be “blessed”?

How does the world promise to make us happy?

What should a believer consider to be a happy life?

The Psalmist writes that whatever the righteous person does will prosper. Does that mean that believers are always going to be successful? Why or why not?

For the believer, what do you think true prosperity looks like?

How does the Psalmist contrast the two types of people in this chapter?

How do our surroundings (the things and people we surround ourselves with) give us a clue about which of these people we are?

What do you think that your surroundings, in particular, say about you?

Verse 1 talks about “delight.” What are some of the things that delight you?

How can we learn to delight ourselves in God’s Word?

How do you think delighting yourself in God’s Word will affect the way you think, act, and speak?

How have you seen the struggle Paul communicated in this verse in your own life?

How does Psalm 1 address it, even if it is just indirectly?

APPLY THE WORD

We are never going to get to the point where we perfectly obey everything that God has commanded. We are incapable of it. But that's okay--Psalm 1 is not about perfect adherence to a list of commands, but rather delighting ourselves in the things of God. We'll all feel like Paul did in Romans 7.

But the first step toward fighting this fight is to understand where we are planted, to address what we delight in, and to discern where it is we get our sense of what we should and shouldn't do. Is it going to be a somewhat fickle worldly standard or is it going to be the unchanging Word of God?

In what area of your life are you most prone to giving in to wicked counsel?

What step do you need to take in order to address where you are planted?

PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK

Next Week's Reading:

- ***Psalm 119:129-176; 139***
- ***Psalm 148-150***
- ***1 Kings 2***
- ***1 Kings 3; 6***
- ***1 Kings 8; 9:1-9***