

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 6-6-2021

For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

Quick Review

Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

***Opener Question or Activity:** Describe a time where you knew what your parents told you to do to stay safe, but you decided to do what you wanted anyway. What was the outcome?

Sunday's Main Scripture Text: Psalm 1:1-6. - "Walk in God's Way"

Digging Deeper:

1. Read out loud Psalm 1. In verse 1, look at this progression: "walk, stand, sit." What would you say is the point the psalmist is trying to make?
Talk about how that plays out in a life flirting with sin.
2. Verse 2 speaks about delighting in God's laws or principles. How is it possible for a person to take pleasure in what God requires? How important is it?
3. How does the analogy of a tree in vs 2-3 relate to the Christian's walk with God? What would you say is the psalmist's emphasis on here?
4. Vrs 4-5 speak of the wicked as "dust in the wind." How difficult is it to see the wicked prosper around you and yet reconcile that with this verse? Can you discuss the difference between success in earthly endeavors compared to spiritual ones?
5. Verse 6 says that God knows, or watches over, the way of the righteous. How has His "knowing us" or "watching over us" changed the path of your life?

Apply it today

Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?