

It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has lasting impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

The Blessed Life

Everyone wants to be blessed by God, and God truly wants to bless everyone. You can't just want it, wish for it, hope for it, or even pray for it. It takes living for it, walking in it and working at it to experience the true blessing from God. In other words, you need to LIVE a life that God wants to bless. What is your definition of a blessed life? Describe a time or event where hardship or troubles turned out to be a blessing. Do you believe that God can bless you in good times and bad?

Psalm 1:1-3; Romans 8:28

Psalm 1 is a poem of contrast where we see the way God views His people. He sees either righteousness or wickedness. There is no middle ground. You are either wheat or chaff, foolish or wise, faithful or a wicked servant. Either light or darkness, either for Him or against Him. Which one are you? What do you think could be holding you back from the blessings of God? Describe what it means to sit in the company of mockers. When this happens, do you defend your faith?

Psalm 1:4-6; Revelation 3:15-16

A blessed life does not walk in step with the wicked. A blessed life does not stand in the way that sinners take. A blessed life does not sit in the company of mockers. Notice the progression: walk, stand, sit. We start to get more comfortable living with sin. What does the Psalmist say we should do to be blessed? The blessed life delights in God's Word and meditates on it. We need to be in the Word every day and do what it says. Who are the main influencers in your life? Is it your boss, your spouse, your best friend? If you love Jesus, then He should be your only influencer. Describe some of your passions. What do you do to fulfill the desires of your heart? How does that passion bless your life?

Matthew 7:13-14; Psalm 16:11; 1 Corinthians 15:33

Make it Real

- Start reading the Bible every day.
- Write down your biggest influencers.
- Start serving in your church and your community.
- Write down all your blessings and thank God for them.