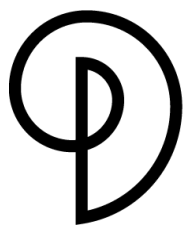


SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



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Dwelling

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You're an apprentice of Jesus. That raises an important question. As an apprentice of Jesus, how will you dwell in God's Word in ways that help that Word dwell in you? What does it look like to make dwelling in God's Word a habit in your life?

SCRIPTURE TEXT: PSALM 1:1-3

Read the scripture text together as a group.

BACKGROUND INFO

Psalm 1 is what's called a Wisdom Psalm. It provides practical, spiritual guidance along with timeless wisdom that is as relevant today as it was when it was first written centuries before Jesus was born. If you have a study bible, the heading for Psalm 1 is likely "The Two Ways." The way of God's Law—or God's Word is the way of happiness and leads to life and more life. The Way of Wickedness is the way that leads to destruction and death. The writer of the Psalm is saying that those who are in relationship with God are happy; they are wise. Those who are NOT in relationship with God are not happy—unwise.

Psalm 1 describes the happiness of an apprentice of Jesus as someone who meditates – reads about, thinks about, talks about what God has to say through the word. This is someone who sets a habit, who practices - literally chews on the words of God. This word of God feeds, refreshes, and enables apprentices of God to live full, thriving, good, happy and fruitful lives. The purpose of getting into God's word is so that God's word will get into us. An apprentice of Jesus is happy because that person delights in the teaching of God. In the first three verses David paints a picture of blessedness, or happiness, of those whose delight is in the law of the Lord: those who do not follow the advice of the wicked (verse 1); those whose delight is in meditating on the law of the Lord (verse 2), that person's life will be like a tree, cultivated and cared for under the best circumstances so that it never fails to produce fruit (verse 3).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Share about an apprentice experience that you've had.
- What is God teaching us in this passage?
- What does dwelling in God's Word look like to you?
- How might we see things differently as a result of this dwelling?

APPLICATION: This week, consider one small step you can take to set aside time to dwell in God's Word. What does your space need to look and feel like? Ask God to meet you there as you dwell in the Word.