

**Sermon Scripture Passage:** Psalm 1:1-6

*Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;*

*2 but his delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.*

*3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.*

*In all that he does, he prospers.*

*4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.*

*5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;*

*6 for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.*

**Scripture References:**

**2 Timothy 3:16-17** – *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

**2 Peter 1:21 (NIV)** - *For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*

**Hebrews 1:1-2** – *Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.*

**2 Timothy 3:14-15** – *But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it 15 and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.*

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The Big Story: A Lamp to My Feet #1 – Psalm 1 – The Bible is Hard – Why Read It?

Big Question: *Why should we put the time and energy into studying the Bible and learning all the background information it takes to rightly understand its meaning?*

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2 Timothy 3:16 – What does it mean that Scripture is God-breathed?

The Bible is God’s \_\_\_\_\_ communication with people! (Hebrews 1:1-2)

2 Peter 1:21 - God \_\_\_\_\_ men and women in the process of communicating His Word.

*Can you imagine other ways God might have sent down His Word?*

My story: *What ultimately convinced me that the Bible is the Word of God!*

Psalm 1 – Putting the time in to read and understand the Bible yields a \_\_\_\_\_ benefit

1:1 As we walk through life, we encounter those who will \_\_\_\_\_ us away from God.

1:2 The Scriptures need more than a cursory reading, we need to \_\_\_\_\_ on them.

1:3 How is this similar to Jesus’ teaching to build our life on rock rather than on \_\_\_\_\_?

1:4 Things that seem so important in our time may turn out to blow away like \_\_\_\_\_

1:5-6 Regular time in God’s Word reminds us that we have to give an \_\_\_\_\_ of our life.

Quote by St. Augustine – “Our hearts are \_\_\_\_\_ until they find their rest in thee [God].”

The Big Story of the Bible: Message Sequence from Fall 2022 – January 2023

One – Build a \_\_\_\_\_ of reading the Bible

Two – Understand the different \_\_\_\_\_ of writing in the Bible

Three – See the larger story of Scripture that is \_\_\_\_\_ through the Bible

*What role has the Bible played in your life? Are there times when you have struggled with it?*

*What benefit would you anticipate from beginning a regular practice of reading the Bible?*

## Sermon Handout Answers:

### *Fill in the Blank Answers:*

- *Intentional*
- *Involved*
- *Long-term*
- *Influence*
- *Meditate*
- *Sand*
- *Chaff*
- *Account*
- *Restless*
- *Habit*
- *Genres*
- *Woven*
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