



MESSAGE SUMMARY

Psalm 1; 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Blessed = happy, content. Our world has a lot to say about how to be happy or content, but God's Word says that a key piece of the puzzle is delighting in the Law. The Law = God's Word and His way of life.

The challenge with applying God's Word, is that His Word collides with our world. When it comes to competing messages and different voices, who do we listen to?

We need to believe that the Bible is living & active, it is abiding & endures forever, that it is good news (1 Peter 1:23-2:4). We need to believe that the Bible makes us wise for salvation, points us to Jesus, and equips us for every good work; that this book isn't just words on a page, but God-breathed words that are useful for us, even today (2 Timothy 3:10-17).

DISCUSSION

ICE BREAKER: Think back over the last two weeks of sermons on 'By the Book'. What has stood out to you so far?

READ: Psalm 1

- **What does it look like for us to 'delight in the Law of the Lord'?**
Law = God's Word AND His way of life – not just the words, but all they represent.
- **Does delighting in God's Word really lead to 'blessing' and 'prosperity' like this Psalm says? What other parts of Scripture reinforce this or give a different perspective?**
- **The Psalm warns against the progression of 'walking → standing → sitting. How do you see the subtle voices, of our flesh, our world and our enemy, leading us astray?**

READ: 2 Timothy 3:1-17

- **The importance of the Word, once again, is reinforced by the danger of the world. What are some of the key differences between the life of people in the last days (vs 1-9) and the life of those who 'desire to live a godly life' (vs 10-17)?**
- **The Word then is 'useful' or 'profitable' as we walk this journey of faith. For teaching (*what is right*), reproof (*what is not right*), correcting (*how to get right*) and instruction (*how to stay right*). What does it look like for us to apply God's Word in this way? How does this work out practically?**

READ: 1 Peter 2:1-3

- **How can we 'long for pure spiritual milk' and create the craving for God's Word?**
"If indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good" – this is key. Do we see the goodness of God, and the good news of Jesus? This is ultimately a work of the Holy Spirit, to reveal the Father and Son to us, so we can truly delight in our salvation, in His Word and His way of life.

PRAY: Pray that God will reveal Himself through the Holy Spirit. Pray that God would 'restore to us the joy of our salvation' (Psalm 51) and that we would delight in Him and Him alone.