

## Sermon Questions

*The Road More Traveled or the Road Less Traveled?*

*Psalm 1*

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### CONNECT:

- Got any big plans for the new year?

### GROW:

- How would you tend to describe the “spirit of this age” (zeitgeist) when it comes to what our culture views as worth pursuing?
- Read Psalm 1. According to this Psalm, what sorts of things characterize the road to death? What sorts of things characterize the road to life?
- What is the difference between “meditating on” versus “merely reading” God’s Word? Give an example of something upon which you meditated. How can you apply this method to Scripture?
- Which road do you tend to travel (perhaps even unwittingly)? Please explain.

### GO:

A helpful way to meditate on Scripture: Consider using a Bible reading plan and taking a small section of the plan each day, answering the following questions about the passage you read:

- What does this passage teach me about God, His nature, and His plan?
- What does this passage teach me about people and what we are like and how God helps us?
- What does this passage teach me about good and bad, right and wrong, true and false?
- What does this passage teach me about the way I am to live and make decisions?
- How does this passage help me understand and critique the culture in which I live?

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1. The truly blessed life chooses to make God, and God’s Word, one’s priority (Psalm 1-2) which is then rewarded by God in eternity. “Blessed” (esher) is choosing to embrace the Spirit of God, rather than the Spirit of the age (the zeitgeist). We can choose to bask in the applause of humanity now or bask in the Word of God and be blessed for eternity by God.

2. The truly blessed life chooses to make scripture one’s authority (Psalm 1). Far too many “influencers” (political, educational, artistic) are secular and ungodly. If true, how can they influence us well?

3. The truly blessed life feasts on God and His Word (like a tree seeking water from a stream). The less blessed life is obsessed with the zeitgeist of our age, the politics of one’s party, and the applause of man (Psalm 1:35).