

Psalm 1 - "Roots"

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Gospel-Rooted Community / Gospel / Psalm 1; Matthew 13

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you noticed that some Christians seem to always be growing spiritually, while others seem to grow very little? If so, why do you think that is?
2. Why could there be a difference between what we say we believe and how we behave?
3. Let's talk about the **gospel**:
 - a. In your own words, what is the *gospel*?
 - b. What Scriptures could we look at to know the meaning of the *gospel*? (e.g. [Ephesians 2:1-10](#); [Romans 3:23-25](#) & [Romans 6:22-23](#); [John 14:6](#))
4. Read [Psalm 1](#).
 - a. What is the main idea of [Psalm 1](#)?
 - b. What might the illustration of roots have to do with the meaning of [Psalm 1](#)?
5. Read [John 12:24-25](#).
 - a. Why do you think Jesus uses this illustration about a seed dying?
 - b. It's true that Jesus died to bear gospel fruit. Why must you also die to 'self' to bear gospel fruit? What might this *dying* look like in your life?
6. Do you have gospel roots? How do you know you do or you don't? (Please help one another answer this question, if needed).
7. What is one way God is challenging you to grow in Christ today?