

**Living Hope
Baptist Church**

*Small Group
Study Guide*

When God is First, We are Focused
Psalm 1:1-2

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This study guide is a resource for your Small Group to use for further study of today's sermon. If you need to find a Small Group, please contact Matt Haste at mhaste@lhbg.org or 843-9462. You can view a list of our Small Groups at www.livinghopewired.com.

A C L O S E R L O O K

P s a l m 1 : 1 - 2

Psalm 1 serves as an introduction to the book of Psalms. It describes the commitments and character of a man who is truly blessed. In this context, "blessed" refers to both the gift of divine favor as well as the happiness that one experiences as a result. Thus, to be blessed is to be right with God in such a way that your life is characterized by peace and joy. The first two verses of Psalm 1 focus on the path that leads to such a life.

How would you fill in the blank to complete the following statement:

"If I could have _____, I would be truly happy"

Imagine you were advising a young person who is about to graduate college and begin life in the real world. How would you advise them to pursue peace and happiness in their life?

L I F E A P P L I C A T I O N

*1 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.*

Psalm 1:1-2 ESV

- 1. How do these verses describe the blessed man?**
- 2. What kind of sequence do you see in verse 1 in terms of a man's interaction with evil? What does this look like in someone's life?**
- 3. What does it mean to "delight in the law of the Lord"?**
- 4. What disciplines do you currently practice that helps you meditate on the Word day and night?**
- 5. What are your plans for personal Bible Study in 2012? How can this group pray for you and encourage you as you study God's Word together?**