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Upcoming events to tell your group about (more info on each on pg 2):

- High School Summer Bible Study (Begins May 26)
- Men's Bible Study: 2 Timothy (June 4-June 25)
- VBS: God Perfect (June 8-June 10)

Optional Ice Breaker: Do you have a fun story of a time that you chose your own way and made a goofy decision? (Like Raby's pipe story).

Read Psalm 1

Did anything stand out either from Raby's message or reading through Psalm 1 together?

Psalm 1 draws a distinction between 2 people, or 2 ways of life, the blessed and the wicked. **What does it mean to be blessed? What does it mean to be wicked?**

How does Psalm 1 point to Jesus? How does the righteous/blessed man define Jesus?

What does it practically mean to "delight in the Law of the Lord"?

Why are the wicked compared to "chaff"?

Christianity is not just better because we get heaven, it is better in the here and now. **How is following Jesus a better lived life than following the world? How should this reality shape our evangelism?**

Take note of what is true of the "blessed man" and what is true of the "wicked man" according to the Psalmist. **Do any of them surprise you? Which ones are most compelling and convicting as you read them?** *(Have the group search for the answers on their own. And then refer to page 3 for a list of each).*

Have someone read Psalm 2:12. **Do you run to Jesus as a refuge consistently? What is true of Jesus that makes Him a safe refuge for us to run to?**

Men's/Women's Time (if applicable)

Have a time of sharing. (i.e. Share highs/lows in this season, needs in your home/community, etc.)

PRAY for one another.

Notable Upcoming Events at Fellowship

High School Summer Bible Study (Begins May 26 @ 10am) – High School Students! Join us Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am starting May 26 for a relaxed summer Bible study as we walk through the book of James. Together we'll explore what it looks like to live out genuine faith—covering topics like wisdom, perseverance through trials, controlling our words, and putting faith into action.

Men's Bible Study: 2 Timothy (Begins June 4 @6pm) – Men are invited to a 4-week summer Bible study through 2 Timothy, where we'll explore Paul's final letter and his call to faithful, courageous leadership in the Christian life. Together we'll look at themes like guarding the gospel, enduring hardship, pursuing godly character, and finishing the race well. Join us for four Thursday evenings in June from 6:00–7:30 PM for meaningful discussion, encouragement, and time in God's Word.

VBS: God Perfect (Begins June 8 @6:30pm) – Get ready for the ultimate week of wild games, epic challenges, and unforgettable moments! At this year's VBS, kids will dive into the excitement of trick shots, team competitions, and big fun—all while discovering an even bigger truth: no matter how hard we try, only God is perfect—and He loves us anyway.

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THE BLESSED VS THE WICKED MAN

THE BLESSED MAN

- Doesn't walk/stand/sit in sin.
- Delights in the Word
- Meditates on the Word
- Is a strong tree
- Rooted in living water
- Produces fruit
- Is alive and doesn't wither
- Stands
- Is in community
- Is righteous
- Is wise

THE WICKED MAN

- Makes sin a habit/identity
- Gives bad advice
- Is in bad company
- Has a bad identity
- Weak
- No water/doesn't flourish
- Dead
- Temporary
- Alone
- Perishes
- Unwise