

5.8.16 Primer

Pray to know his glory and to make it known

Hear the Good News:

*[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.*

*[3] He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.*

*[4] The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.*

*[5] Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;*

*[6] for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.*

(Psalm 1 ESV)

The Point:

We pray to a worthy king - to know his glory and to make it known in all the earth.

Quote:

"Prayer is a wartime walkie-talkie for spiritual warfare; not a domestic intercom to increase the comfort of the saints. And one of the reasons prayer malfunctions in the hands of so many Christian soldiers, is that they have gone AWOL." - Dr. John Piper

PRAY:

1. Read Psalm 1 or any other scripture of your choosing. This week's discipleship group primer is more about actually praying than studying!
2. What does this passage teach about God? (His commands, his expectations, his characteristics, his desires)
 - a. Worship God as you pray in light of this passage.
3. What does this passage teach about man in his natural, unspiritual state?
 - a. Confess, repent, and be thankful in prayer in light of who God is.
4. Discuss the question: in light of who God is and who I am, how should we pray?
 - a. Pray for yourself, the church, and the world