

**CTK Community Group Sermon Discussion Questions & Announcements**  
**Week of 3/14/21**

**Sermon Discussion Questions | Psalm 1**

1. When you hear the phrase abundant life what comes to mind?
2. The opening of psalm gives a series of warnings to us. What other passages of scripture help us understand the implications of not walking, standing or sitting in evil? Consider the follow:
  - a. Psalm 26 (esp. v. 4)
  - b. Proverbs 1:8-19
  - c. Proverbs 4:10-19
  - d. Jeremiah 17:7-8
  - e. Galatians 5:16-25
  - f. Any other passages come to mind?

3. In his book *What's Best Next*, Matt Perman makes the following observation.

"The character ethic... looks first at who you are. It says that true success is not first defined by externals, and the way to live an effective life does not come first from technique. True and lasting effectiveness comes from character, which is not simply an ingredient of an effective life but foundational to it. Techniques do have their place, but only as building blocks upon a foundation of genuine character."

Does Psalm 1 support or contradict this statement? How?

4. The tree in vs. 3 evokes the image of the tree of life in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 2:9) and the Tree in the New Jerusalem in Revelation 22:1-5. What similarities do you see in the setting of these trees? How does seeing the tree of Psalm 1 in context with the tree of life affect our understanding of an abundant life?

**Announcements:**

Ceiling repairs and painting in the sanctuary are nearly complete, and in the coming weeks contractors will be painting the walls, refinishing the floors, and replacing the carpets. Before new carpet can go in, **we're looking for up to 10 volunteers to help reinstall the pews on Saturday, March 27th from 9am-1pm** -- if you're willing to help, email us at [deacons@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:deacons@ctkcambridge.org).

**Women's Ministry will be hosting backyard gatherings on Saturday, March 20 and Sunday, March 21** for a time of fellowship. One gathering will be on Saturday, March 20 from 2-4p at Amanda Holley's home in Wakefield. Two gatherings will be on Sunday, March 21 from 2-4p at the homes of Catherine Cook in Somerville and Laura Martin in Belmont. Sign up via the google spreadsheet in the Reader. Sign ups are intended to keep the events within city/state gathering limits. Looking forward to seeing many of you!