

Speaker: Matt Magee

Series: Abide: Cultivating Intimacy with Christ

Sermon Title: Abide in Christ by Delighting in His Sufficient Word

Scripture: Psalm 1:1-3; Psalm 119:9-11; Psalm 19:7-9; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

(Pro Tip: click on the passages linked above to be taken to a page with all the passages in one location.) **Main Idea:** Abide in Christ by Delighting in the Wisdom of His Sufficient Word

OUTLINE

- 1. Glorify God by Enjoying Him Forever (Psalm 1).
 - "The chief end of man is to glorify God by enjoying Him forever." (John Piper's re-wording of the Westminster Shorter Confession, Question 1 (*Desiring God*, p. 29) | see Philippians 3:8)
- 2. Guard your way by seeing the wisdom of God's Word, seeking Him with your whole heart, and soaking it in to retain it for life (Psalm 119:9-11, 14-16).
- 3. Trust that God's Wisdom is sufficient for all of life (Psalm 19:7-9; 2 Timothy 3:16-17).

DISCUSSION GUIDE

As you begin, take a few moments to pray for the Aaron, Lauren, and Abel Berta :)

- In his introduction, Pastor Matt mentioned that Jesus spoke of "two gates and two roads, two trees and two types of fruit; two houses, two foundations, and two outcomes. Take a few minutes to read the passages in the Sermon on the Mount that portray these realities: Matt 7:13-14, 15-20; 24-25. Discuss briefly.
- 2. Read Psalm 1 together and discuss:
 - According to verses 1-2, what is the focus for the one who is blessed? What is the keyword in verse 2? Have a member of your group look up the following verses, read them out loud and discuss the commonality: Psalm 112:1; 119:35, 47, 92.

- 2. What is the result of this person's life according to verse 3?
- 3. Read Jeremiah 17:7-10 and compare Psalm 1.
- 4. Read Philippians 3:8. In what ways do you consider everything loss compared to the "surpassing worth" of knowing Jesus? What have you suffered to gain Christ?
- 5. Pastor Matt said "sufficient" is just a 10-cent word for "enough, complete, adequate." Read Psalm 19:7-9 and 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and discuss what they tell us about the sufficiency of the Bible?
- 6. Do you believe that the Bible is sufficient for life and godliness? Why or why not?
- 7. What do you find that you trust in for wisdom and decision-making over the Bible?
- 8. Review the four-step change process God has given in 2 Timothy 3:16-17. Download A *Process for Learning, Believing and Applying Truth*
- 9. In what area of your life do you need to trust God? In what ways will you ask God to help you delight in Him?