

This Week's Memory Verse Focus

*“Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,
but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law
day and night.” Psalm 1:1*

2016 Theme:

Transformation because nothing else matters (Galatians 6:14-15)

Ask yourself and apply to your daily prayer:

How can I apply the theme to my daily living and connect that understanding
in my active part of the local Body of Christ where I am committed at HCC

Current Series Title:

Summer Psalms Part 5

Ask yourself how does the current series help you to understand the
importance of applying to daily living the 2016 theme “Transformation,
because nothing else matters”

Summer Psalms - Part 5

Extended Verse Study:

1:	Read	Psalm 1
2:	Read	James 1:14
3:	Read	Deuteronomy 6:4-9
4:	Read	Matthew 22:37
5:	Read	Philippians 2:12-13
6:	Read	Galatians 6:14-15

FOR THE GROUP: Working it out together

1. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9. This scripture tells us to love God with all our heart, soul, and strength and then commit wholeheartedly to fulfill that command. What does it mean in your life to commit with your whole heart to love God with your heart, soul and strength?
2. Pastor Steve said, “Following Jesus is **only** an all-in or nothing relationship...your whole life is going to be changed and moved in a direction that is increasingly transformed to be more like Christ.” Why do you think it is important to know there is an all-in/wholeheartedly commitment required to be a follower of Christ?
3. Is there a weak area in your life causing you to slowly step away from a full life in Christ and away from the kingdom of God, not dropping everything but slowly stepping away, creating a *less than all-in* wholeness?
4. Psalm 1 shows the progression of a gradual decent into sinfulness and away from a wholehearted relationship with God. Think back a year ago, a month ago, when you first came into relationship with God, are you moving toward a transformed life to be Christ-like or in the direction of the world? Any area for improvement?
5. Read James 1:14. According to this verse, we are enticed by our own desires to be dragged away from the kingdom of God. Does temptation to sinfulness stop when you commit wholeheartedly to love God and follow Jesus?
6. Pastor Steve said, “Until we are completely transformed...we are never ultimately free of the tension of sinfulness continually attempting to draw us and drag us down. We must meet it with resistance.” How can you resist temptation and include consistent ongoing, daily exercises of the soul to strengthen your spiritual life?

FOR THE INDIVIDUAL: Take Away

When you are **not** consistently, daily resisting evil and increasingly choosing to strengthen your faith such as:
-hanging with someone who makes poor life choices and not concerned with the things of God (Walk with the Wicked)
-spending more time with those who look for life of criminal behavior/with no gray area of right and wrong they choose to do wrong (Stand with Sinners)
-you become part of the in-crowd whose aim is to not only do wrong but mock or persecute those who try to do right. (Sit with Mockers)

You take the risk of slowly wandering from the way, the truth and the life that is-- Jesus and into--- sinfulness
But to be transformed because nothing else matters Galatians 6:15 you actively choose new life when you:

- immerse yourself into things of God (Delight in the Lord)

- As you consistently daily strengthen your spiritual life God delights in you (For the Lord watches over the path of the godly)

Philippians 2:12-13 – You work – God work