## **SEQUOIA NOTES**

## Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

#### The Fruitful Life

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## Psalm 1

Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.

<sup>2</sup> But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night.

<sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season.

Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

<sup>4</sup> But not the wicked!

They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind.

<sup>5</sup> They will be condemned at the time of judgment.

Sinners will have no place among the godly.

<sup>6</sup> For the Lord watches over the path of the godly, but the path of the wicked leads to destruction.

## A problematic progression:

Beware of Satan

Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. (1 Peter 5:8)

Beware of <u>Self</u>

There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death. (Proverbs 14:12, 16:25)

Beware of Slow-Fade

#### **Result:**

Big Idea: Put <u>God</u> first, Focus on <u>His Word</u>, and Follow <u>His Way</u> for a fruitful life.

### A protective plan:

Put God First

Matthew 22:37 – You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.

Focus on His Word

John 1:1 - In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God. and the Word was God.

Follow His Way

John 14:6 Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

#### **Result:**

The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy.

My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. (John 10:10)



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