

Trees Planted by Streams of Water | Psalm 1

Gathering Question:

Share a time in your life when you felt particularly "rooted" or stable. What contributed to that sense of stability?

Gathering Prayer.

Father, by Your Spirit, would you guide us into all truth. Help us to hear and be attentive to Your voice as we work through this study. In the name of Jesus, Your Son, we pray, Amen.

Opening Questions

- What stood out to you in the sermon?
- What insights did you gain?
- What questions did it raise?

Growth is Not Our Vision

- How do you feel about the growth our church has been experiencing?
- Why do you think it's important to differentiate between growth as a sign of success and the true vision of the church?

Psalm 1 | Chaff vs Trees

- What stands out to you about the two types of people described? Why do you think the Bible often presents life as a binary choice?
- Have you ever felt like chaff—blown around by circumstances, lacking direction or purpose?
- How does the imagery of a tree versus chaff resonate with you personally? In what ways do you see these types reflected in your own life or in the world around you?
- Reflect on the characteristics of trees: "planted by streams of water yielding fruit in season." How can we ensure that our spiritual roots are deep and well-nourished? Are there specific practices or disciplines that help you stay connected to Jesus as your source of life?

Trees, Not Chaff

- How do you think this vision of "trees, not chaff" can shape the future of our church? What role do you see yourself playing in this vision? How can you contribute to the growth of "trees" in our church?

Closing Prayer