

**Living Hope  
Baptist Church**

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*Small Group  
Study Guide*

*When God is First, We are Fruitful*  
Psalm 1:3

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This study guide is a resource for your Small Group to use for further study of today's sermon. If you need to find a Small Group, please contact Matt Haste at [mhaste@lhb.org](mailto:mhaste@lhb.org) or 843-9462. You can view a list of our Small Groups at [www.livinghopewired.com](http://www.livinghopewired.com).

## A C L O S E R L O O K

### P s a l m 1 : 3

As we continue our study of Psalm, we will look at the description of the blessed man in verse 3. Here the blessed man is compared to a tree that is properly nourished and, thus, able to produce fruit. When we apply this image to our own spiritual life, we are given a picture of what a productive Christian ought to look like.

How do you define the term "productivity"? What are some ways that you measure productivity on a daily or weekly basis?

What does spiritual productivity look like? How can it be measured?

Describe a time in your life when you have felt that God blessed you with spiritual fruit. What were the circumstances? What came about? How did you see the Lord work through you?

## L I F E A P P L I C A T I O N

*He is like a tree  
planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does, he prospers.*

*Psalm 1:3 ESV*

- 1. How is the blessed man described in this verse? What are the various elements of the picture?**
- 2. Think about the ancient world in which the Psalms were written. What would have been the advantage of being a tree planted by streams of water?**
- 3. What does it look like for a Christian to be properly planted? Assess your own life and consider how well planted you are right now.**
- 4. What do you think fruitfulness means in this passage? What does it mean for the blessed man to prosper in all that he does?**
- 5. What are some things that you are praying for God to do through you this year?**