

Sermon Discussion Questions: September 20, 2026

A Song for Tomorrow

Call to Worship: Ephesians 6:13

1. If you occasionally pray the armor of God over yourself or a friend, please share your experience.
2. In Paul's milieu, this passage would likely make readers think of a Roman soldier. Why would he use a metaphor that would likely elicit unpleasant feelings from both Jews and Christians?

Sermon: Psalm 1

1. Pastor Bill mentioned that classic song of remorse: Yesterday. When is remorse Godly and healthy, and when is it sinful and unhealthy?
2. What are the differences between the worldly and Biblical descriptions of success?
3. How did Pastor Bill caution parents to apply the Biblical definition of success into raising children?
4. The three teachings of the opening verses of Psalm 1:
 - a. Stay away _____.
 - b. Study _____.
 - c. Stand _____.
5. Share an example of the benefits of seeking out wise counsel or the bad consequences of seeking out foolish counsel.
 - a. Bible story.
 - b. Personal experience, history, or current events.
6. The Psalmist says the blessed will not "...stand in the way of sinners" (Adopt their lifestyle.). Name one:
 - a. Good and wholesome trait of Midwest Americans.
 - b. One ungodly trait of the same group.
7. Verse 1 cautions us not to "...sit in the seat of scoffers." What does being seated often imply in scripture? (See Hebrews 12:2 or Colossians 3:1.)
8. What were some lessons Pastor Bill drew from meditating on John 3:16 instead of just memorizing it?

9. Why is a tree planted by streams of water (Verse 3) a good metaphor for a Godly person?
10. AI question 🤖: In what ways have I recently “Walked in the counsel of the ungodly” or “Stood in the way of sinners”, and what steps can I take to choose the “way of the righteous” instead?

Prayer Points:

- Pray, asking God to give you wisdom and Godly discernment in choosing your friends and associates. But also ask the Holy Spirit how you can be a Godly influence and witness to those who are a part of your life.
1. Share a time that God led you to a Godly counselor.
- Pray that God will ignite your heart with a new passion not only to read God’s Word, but to purposely meditate upon God’s Word.
2. Have you ever received, while meditating on God's word. a clear command from God to do something, or refrain from doing something? Share your experience.
- Ask God to make you into that Healthy Tree that will be unshakable, unbreakable, and unwavering. When the counsel of this world comes after you!
3. Share a time that God kept you stable, or at least sane and functional, during severe personal turmoil.