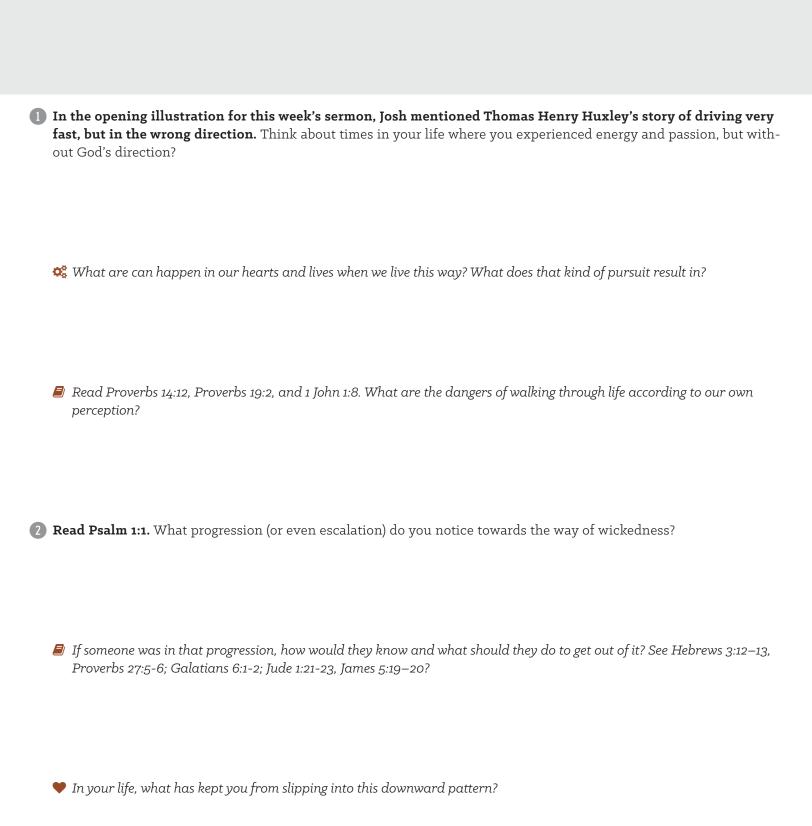
LIVING LIFE GOD'S WAY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

PSALM 1

OPENING UP: Psalm 1 compares life to a tree—rooted and flourishing with God, or withering without Him. When life feels chaotic, where do people often turn to feel grounded or refreshed? What kinds of things do people usually turn to when they want to feel steady or refreshed in life?



3	3 Sometimes we can struggle with passages like Psalm 1 because of our own the following examples and discuss how have you experienced any of these,	-
	Obligation/Guilt - Feeling like you have to read it so God will like you or so ye feeling weighed down because you haven't read the Bible as much as you think	3
	Fear - Worrying that if you don't read it, life will fall apart—as if the act of	f reading automatically keeps you safe.
	Distrust - Finding it hard to trust how the Bible came together or even the	e claims God makes in it.
	Difficulty & Pain - When the Bible has been misused by others to control,	manipulate, or hurt you.
	Disappointment – Expecting immediate answers or emotional highs from doesn't happen.	n reading, and being discouraged when it
	Distraction – Finding it hard to focus because of busyness, screens, or con	npeting priorities.
	Q Discuss how the Psalm 1:3 image of a tree can help reorient your view of the W	Vord?
4	Psalm 1 pictures a tree planted by streams of water—strong, rooted, and fit the Bible describes the blessed life. In the ancient world, trees were often sity. For example, a Mesopotamian king from the 2000s BC was described as ed near gushing waters, who gives pleasant shade whose fruit is sweet and pass a tree meant you had everything you needed. In the same way, when our everything we need for stability and fruitfulness.	ymbols of strength, stability, and prosper- 'a palm tree near the canal a cedar root- pleasant.' In that culture, to be pictured
	Discuss Jeremiah 17:7–8, Romans 15:4, Psalm 19:7-11, Matthew 4:4, and 2 Time and stability in mind. What do these passages show us about the value of God	