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- 1. C.S. Lewis said that Lent is a season of a kind of "happiness and wonder that makes you serious." What is your experience of this seven-week period leading to Easter in which we highly anticipate the victory of the light and life of Christ over the darkness of sin and death? Are you following any Scriptural devotional to detach from the activities and the like that distract us from God so that you can be attentive before him? If so, share what you are doing and learning.
- 2. Read Psalm 1 aloud. Reread it aloud, if you have time. What contrasts do you notice in the Psalm? Elaborate.
- 3. "The law of the Lord" is contrasted with the words "counsel," "way," and "seat." What does this contrast bring out?
- 4. Discuss the central tree metaphor. How are law-delighting people like such trees? How do you resonate with this metaphor personally?
- 5. How do these rather different portraits (the tree-righteous and the chaff-wicked) motivate your delight in the word of God?

"Elevating Scripture"

6. The UCM value of <u>Rooted in Scripture</u> is, "We devote ourselves to understanding, obeying, and delighting in God's Word." Please take a moment to think quietly on whether or not you believe you really embrace this value personally; then discuss some ways your group might become more intentional in embracing this value.

Pray for one another and UCM that we would be a gospel-centered ministry that would remain excited about understanding, obeying, and delighting in the word of God.

