

Session 1: God's Wisdom
Suggested Week of Use: June 1, 2025
Core Passage: Psalm 1:1-6

News Story Summary

Decisions. The college graduates of 2025 either have a plan for the future or are struggling to determine what's next. While passion and interests are important, it's also hard to ignore trends in the job market. According to some sources, 2025 careers that are the most lucrative and appear to have the highest growth potential over the next ten years are in the fields of computer science (computer/information systems managers and software developers), finance (financial managers) and medicine (nurse practitioners, medical and health services managers). The annual salaries of these top careers exceed \$100,000, while 100,000 to more than 300,000 jobs will need to be filled. Most of the careers require some undergraduate and/or graduate work, but a few do not. The options mean new graduates will need wisdom to make some serious decisions in the days and months to come.

For more information on this story, search "Top Careers for 2025 Graduates."

Engage

To supplement the Engage activities, ask: How do you make decisions in life? What influences how you make decisions? Note that we all face big and little decisions each day—and that all of them make a difference in our lives to some degree. Encourage adults to consider the decisions recent college graduates will be making. Challenge them to guess the top careers. After a few minutes, share the information from the News Story Summary above. Remind adults that God is very interested in the choices we make. Say: In fact, He has promised to give us the wisdom to make wise decisions that will honor Him. Explain that this session begins a series from the book of Psalms. Share that in studying Psalm 1, we will see the difference God's Word can make when we're struggling with wise choices in life.

Challenge

To supplement the Challenge activities, remind adults about the information on career choices facing new college graduates. Ask: What godly qualities does a graduate need in any career they choose? How would those qualities affect the careers of the graduates? Emphasize that we all need God's wisdom in every choice we face in life. Discuss how choosing to spend time with God in His Word is always a wise choice that leads to life. Challenge the group to consider identifying a recent graduate and encouraging that person to walk a righteous life as he or she faces the future. Close in prayer asking God to help adults make decisions that honor Him as they pursue a godly life based on His wisdom.