**Songs of the Summer week 2**

**What God Expects**

**Psalms 15**

*LORD, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill?
He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart
and has no slander on his tongue, who does his neighbor no wrong and casts no slur on his fellowman,
who despises a vile man but honors those who fear the LORD, who keeps his oath even when it hurts, who lends his money without usury and does not accept a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things will never be shaken.***Psalm 15:1-5**

1. The question: What does God expect?

*LORD, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill?*

**Psalm 15:1**

1. The answer:

*He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous,* **Psalm 15:2a**

1. Some things to consider:
* Are my words helpful?

*If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.* **James 1:26**

*who speaks the truth from his heart and has no slander on his tongue, who does his neighbor no wrong and casts no slur on his fellowman,*

**Psalm 15:2b-3**

*For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.* **Matthew 12:34b**

*Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the well spring of life.*

**Proverbs 4:23**

*Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.* **Ephesians 4:29**

* Who are my role models?

*who despises a vile man but honors those who fear the LORD,* **Psalm 15:4a**

* Do I keep my commitments?

*who keeps his oath even when it hurts,* **Psalm 15:4b**

Simple

Inconvenient

Costly

* Do I help the helpless?

*who lends his money without usury and does not accept a bribe against the innocent,* **Psalm 15:5a**

*Do not pervert justice or show partiality. Do not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous. Follow justice and justice alone, so that you may live and possess the land the LORD your God is giving you.* **Deuteronomy 16:19-20**

1. The promise:

*He who does these things will never be shaken.* **Psalm 15:5b**