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A STUDY GUIDE TO PSALM 119

How to use this guide.

This study guide is intended to assist you in engaging with God's Word and connecting the weekly sermon with your everyday life. We believe that discipleship happens in many ways throughout out life and this guide is designed to assist you in connecting with others around God's Word in each of those ways. Of course, you may feel free to use as much or as little as you like of this guide. Our intention was to include as much as possible to help connect with the discipling environments that we experience throughout our week. You may want to print this guide and punch holes to put it in a binder or use a journal alongside of it.



At a Glance

This section is a snapshot of the passage in a few sentences. It is intended to give you a quick overview to get you mind set on what you are about to read.



Our Current Outlook

This section is intended to consider our present circumstances and think about what challenges we face today. We live in a culture that not only ignores the Word of God but is increasingly aggressive toward those that hold onto to the truths contained within it.



Sermon Thoughts

The section for sermon thoughts is provided so that you can record your notes from the sermon or write down your thoughts and questions about what you heard.



Read and Reflect

The read and reflect section is where we begin to study the Bible for ourselves. It is intended to guide you through observations about the text and an interpretation of its meaning.



Apply to Your Life

This section is intended to guide us in allaying the meaning of the passage in our everyday lives. It is a time to think about how the Bible goes with us to work, home or school.



Unplugged Quiet Time

The quiet time section is a time of prayer and conversation with God around what the passage is saying to us in our lives. This is a time to unplug and have some quiet reflection.



Getting to the Gospel

This section helps us see how the passage connects us to the Gospel. It is a brief statement to give us a point in the Gospel Story to connect to.



Further Reading and Resources

This section gives other passages to follow up on or other tools that we could reference to assist us in getting more out of our study.



Discipling Relationship

The discipling relationship section is intended to guide us in connecting with two others that are committed to pursue obedience to the Scriptures. The questions are open-ended and static.



Gather and Discuss

The gather and discuss section is intended to guide Life Groups through a discussion of the passage. This is intended to bring together around 10-12 other people in considering the implications of the passage.

Before You Begin

What you will need...

- 1) A Bible: This guide uses the ESV as its source Bible. The words that we point out will all be focused on the ESV version. You can use another version of the Bible but you may need to reference an ESV to see what words we are pointing to. You can get an ESV app for free or go to www.esv.org. A study Bible like the ESV Study Bible can be a big help.
- 2) A notebook/binder: This study is designed and formatted to be printed. However, you can easily keep this guide in its electronic form and use a notebook to record your thoughts and answer questions.
- 3) A concordance: Many Bibles have a concordance in the back. This study will ask you to make use of this resource many times. A concordance is a reference tool that shows the other places in the Bible that the particular word is mentioned. It is very helpful for getting insight into meaning. www.blueletterbible.org is a great resource for this.
- 4) A dictionary: Some words used in the Bible we may not use every day. It is always a good idea to check the meaning of any word that we do not know. In this study we will ask you to look up a word to check its meaning. Most of us have access to dictionaries online.
- 5) A prayer journal: This is optional but we feel that having a journal to write down the ways that God is speaking to you and guiding you is helpful. This prayer journal can span many studies and give you a great chance to look back and see how God is moving in your life.

How to study the Bible...

This study guide is built to introduce and encourage inductive Bible study. We want you to gain some skills that will help you in doing inductive Bible study on your own. Inductive Bible study is different from other ways of studying the Bible in a few ways.

- 1) Ask questions: Inductive Bible study asks the questions, who, what, when, where, why, and how? Digging into the Bible by asking these questions will help you see the purpose and meaning of the passage. We encourage you to ask your own questions of the text.
- 2) Observe/Interpret/Apply: Inductive Bible study has 3 steps. First, we observe the passage as we ask questions. Second, we think about and search for the meaning of the passage. Third, we apply the meaning of the passage to our lives.
- 3) Develop a background and outline: From these insights that we have gained we can build an outline and describe the background of the passage. Who wrote it? Where was it written? When was it written? Who was it written to? What was its purpose?
- 4) Cross References: This journey will open up other passages where the Bible speaks to the same issues. Inductive Bible study takes these other places of scripture into account as we understand the meaning. We want to first understand what this means in the passage that we are presently studying and then what the rest of the Bible might say.

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Read Psalm 119:1-2

What does the Bible mean when it talks about being blessed? What is included?

How does someone become blameless? Is this possible? Why or why not?

How does the Law of the LORD differ from other lawgivers? How does this impact our obedience?

Does the challenge of keeping God's testimonies change our hope of receiving blessing? Why?

Read Psalm 119:3-4

When the psalmist says "do not wrong" he refers to wronging others or doing injustice. Does this change the way you read this verse? Why or why not?

What behaviors are included in walking in God's ways?

What other passages come to mind when you think about walking in the ways of God?

How serious is God about his commands? How do we know this?

Why would God command his people to diligently keep the Law?

Read Psalm 119:5-6

How does the focus shift in verse 5? How can you tell?

Does the desire of the writer change the feeling of demand within the Law? Why or why not?

What does the writer desire in these verses?



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What are some ways that you consider yourself blessed?

How have you seen obedience lead to blessing? Does obedience always lead to blessing?

How does desire to obey make the demands of God's Word feel different to you?

What are some things about God's Word that you treasure and praise God for?

What is God saying to you right now?

What are you going to do about it?



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Prayers and Answers to Prayer:



Getting to the Gospel

The longing for blessing in the hearts of God's people has been placed there by God. It is the outcome of a relationship with him. The impossibility of pleasing God is the reason that we all need the pleasing sacrifice of Jesus Christ. He was the obedient one that we might, in him, be like him by his power.



Further Reading and Study Resources

Psalm 1
Psalm 19
Psalm 112
Deuteronomy 4

[Resources](#)



Discipling Relationship

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How can we know if our will is aligned with God's will?

What do you think a life of obedience to God looks like today?

How can we follow God's commands in our everyday routines?

How do we know when to go to the Word or when to pray or when to be still? How do we know which method to use to talk to God and when to use it appropriately?

What does your relationship with God look like to you? What does your relationship with God look like to others? Is there a difference?

What present behaviors or habits are keeping you from obedience to God? Are you willing to change?

How do we keep from getting caught up in our "Christian checklist" while trying to follow God's commands?

How do we know the line between searching for God's blessing and seeking a relationship with him?

What do you need to change in your own life to be more like Christ?

How does your relationship differ with the Father, the Holy Spirit and the Son? Do you have a different communication method with each? Why or why not?



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Read Psalm 119:9-10

What might be causing struggles for a young man to stay pure?

What does the Bible mean by "pure?" Look up *pure* in the concordance in the back of your Bible if you have one. Check out the online options in links below.

What verses talk about being pure? What are the different meanings?

What does the writer mean by guarding the pure way with the Word of God?

How do we do something with a "whole heart?" What is the alternative?

Read Psalm 119:11-12

What is a way that we store the Word of God in our heart? Is there only one way?

What is sin? Who do we sin against?

In what ways does storing the Word of God keep us from sin?

Who is the one teaching us according to the writer of this psalm?

How would you respond differently to learning the Bible if you saw God as teaching you?

Read Psalm 119:13-14

How does the shift to speaking the Word of God shift your purpose for learning?

What does learning the Word of God produce in the writer?



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What are some struggles that you have with staying "pure?"

How have you seen God's Word challenge and guide your desire to be pure?

Grade your study of God's Word on a scale of 1-10. What would you like it to be?

How does God's Word guide your time in prayer? How can you increase your praying of God's Word?

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Prayers and Answers to Prayer:



Getting to the Gospel

The pursuit of purity is different in the scope of God's Word than we might think. Purity or holiness involves justice and compassion. Jesus laid his life down in serving humanity unto death because he was pure in heart. The Gospel is an active relationship with God that will result in purity. Now and not yet.



Further Reading and Study Resources

Psalm 25
Psalm 40
Proverbs 3
Deuteronomy 6

[Blue Letter Bible: Bible Search and Study Tools](#)

[The Olive Tree Bible App by Olive Tree Bible Software](#)

[Logos Bible Software](#)



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What are some specific, tangible ways we can live a pure life?

How exactly do we hide the Word in our hearts?

Do we have a passive relationship with God? How can we pursue an active relationship with God?

What can we do to lay down our life in service to God?

What do you do to give yourself a 'heart check' and check your motivations and intentions?

How do we extend justice and compassion to loved ones around us?

How do we extend justice and compassion to our enemies?

How do we extend justice and compassion to strangers?

In what ways does our level of intimacy change from enemies, to strangers, to loved ones in our relationship with God?

Are there gaps in our love and in our service to others that we need to address?



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Read Psalm 119:17-18

What does the writer expect when he asks God to “deal bountifully” with him?

Does keeping the Word take time to accomplish? Why or why not?

How do we see the wonder of God's Word? What examples of this can you find in the Bible?

What things would you consider as wonderful in God's Word?

Read Psalm 119:19-20

Look up “sojourner” in the back of your Bible. What verses talk about this?

Why would the writer of this psalm consider himself a sojourner?

Does God hide his commands from some people and not others? Why or why not?

The writer talks about his soul being consumed. Compare this with Deuteronomy 6:4-5.

Why does the writer long for the rules (decrees) of God? How would the world change if we had all of God's decrees?

Read Psalm 119:21-22

How does the focus shift in verse 21?

Look up the word “rebuke” in the back of your Bible or at Blue Letter Bible?

What does rebuking accomplish?



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How have you seen God respond to your needs? Do you turn to God's Word for answers to your needs?

What are some ways that you feel like a stranger in this world?

How is God's rebuke when you sin good news for you in your life?

When have you turned to God's Word for guidance in a troubling situation?

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Prayers and Answers to Prayer:



Getting to the Gospel

We have faith that God has a plan. His plan is described and displayed in his decrees. We also have faith that God has the power to bring about the plans that he has made. His decrees are not in doubt

but they will be seen through. We don't have a God that only talks about the Gospel but a God that does the Gospel.



Further Reading and Study Resources

Psalm 13
Psalm 39
Psalm 42
Deuteronomy 27

[Resource Archive](#)



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How do you find hope in the midst of struggles? What ways do you cope or use self-care?

What are some ways that we can build a foundation in the Word?

How do we trust that foundation once it's established? How does it need reinforcing?

How can we share our foundation? How does it spread or grow?

Is there ever a good time to break the rules? How do we know?

How are we supposed to respond or react during times of struggle?

What are we called to do as followers of Christ when others slander us and scorn us and show us contempt?

Verse 18 tells us to look for the good in God's laws. What is the good in His commands?

In what ways can we look for more of the good? How can we share God's goodness?



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Read Psalm 119:25-26

Look up "dust" using a concordance or in the back of your Bible. What does it usually refer to?

What is the focus of the writer of this psalm in verse 25?

What does the writer refer to when he says that he told God "of his ways?"

How does God answering him give us insight into the meaning of this phrase?

Read Psalm 119:27-28

What is the difference between knowledge and understanding?

What does it say about the writer that he is asking for understanding of God's Word?

How does the focus shift at verse 28?

How does the writer stating that his soul is melting give us insight into his circumstances?

What does he ask for from God? Can we all ask for the same thing? Why or why not?

Read Psalm 119:29-30

What would be included in "false ways?"

How does the teaching of God display grace to us?

How does the choice of the writer in verse 30 display his understanding of God's character?

What does the writer put his focus on as a result of his faithfulness?



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When have you been desperate to hear from God in his Word?

How have you gone from knowledge to understanding? What was the difference?

What is a concrete way that you have seen God's grace in response to a poor choice or decision?

Grade the importance of God's Word in your life from 1-10. What would cause it to increase?

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Prayers and Answers to Prayer:



Getting to the Gospel

The Gospel gives us hope. Without the Gospel we will never live a life of obedience worthy enough to please God and enjoy him forever. The gift of Jesus Christ is that he was obedient unto the cross on our behalf. He has set our hearts free from the demands of the Law so that we might pursue a relationship with him. Our obedience does not earn us love, we obey because we love.



Further Reading and Study Resources

Psalm 71
Psalm 22
Psalm 16

[Praying the Promises: Pleading with God](#)



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How do we deal with the sorrow in our hearts? Where do we turn when we're grieving or emotional?

Where do we find true meaning? What is the true meaning in our lives?

What will it take for you to run to God's Word?

We obey because we love, in what specific ways do we obey God?

Why is it important to obey God?

What is the point of obeying God? What does obeying do for us?

Does God answer our prayers today? How have you seen him answer prayer?

Why is understanding the Word important? How is that different from knowing the Word?

How does God's love for us change us?

The sorrow in our hearts does not magically go away or stop because we are Christ followers. So what happens to our sorrow and grief and pain as followers of Christ?



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Read Psalm 119:33-34

What evidence is there that the psalmist views himself being taught by God?

Would this change the way that you learn the Word of God?

What does the phrase "to the end" suggest is in the mind of the writer?

We may pursue knowledge about God on our own but what is necessary for understanding?

When the writer uses the phrase "whole heart," what might he have in mind?

Read Psalm 119:35-36

What evidence of the writer's dependence on God is being displayed?

Look up the word "delight" in a concordance. What insights do you find?

Is delight in the commands of God only an Old Testament expectation? Why or why not?

What does it mean to "incline your heart?" Where are our hearts inclined because of sin?

What would be the opposite of "selfish gain?"

Read Psalm 119:37-38

What kind of "worthless things" might the writer be talking about?

Do we still struggle with looking for these things?



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What is a way that you have seen God teaching you his Word?

Do you usually delight in rules and commands? Why or why not?

What are "worthless things" that tend to grab your attention?

Do you ever feel like a disappointment to God or others? How does God's Word speak to that feeling?

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Prayers and Answers to Prayer:



Getting to the Gospel

The pursuit of righteousness is universal. We all want it. The Gospel makes clear that possessing a righteousness of our own is impossible. Only God is righteous. However, in Christ, God gives his own righteousness to us in a great exchange as he takes on himself our sin.



Further Reading and Study Resources

Romans 7
Ecclesiastes 1
Proverbs 2
Hebrews 3

[The Word Hand](#)



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What are some things in your own life that are things that last?

Do we pay enough attention to those things? What pulls our attention away?

What are we doing to take care of the things and people that God entrusted to us?

How can we be more intentional with the things that last?

How can we grow and build those eternal things?

What impact does eternity have on the choice of methods we use to learn about God?

What evidence is in our own lives that we live dependent on God?

How do we turn our heart from selfish desires?

How do we keep our hearts focused on God's desires?

How does God preserve our lives in His righteousness?



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Take some time this week to read over this week's passage. Use these questions and the space below to write down your observations. What does this passage mean? What words do you need to look up?

Read Psalm 119:41-42

Look up "steadfast" in a concordance or Blue Letter Bible. What do you observe?

What does the writer mean by God's steadfast love?

How does God's steadfast love connect and compare to his salvation?

What troubles might the writer be experiencing according to verse 42? Where does he turn for answers?

Read Psalm 119:43-44

Verse 43 uses understatement. Rewrite the verse in your own words.

What does the writer trust will change those that are against him?

When the writer states that he will "keep your law continually" is he speaking out of ego or expressing hopeful expectation? How can you tell?

What stands out to you most in these two verses?

Read Psalm 119:45-46

What does "walk in a wide place" mean?

How does seeking the Word of God allow this to happen?

Compare verse 46 with Matthew 10:17-18. What do you observe?

Rewrite this verse in your own words?



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Do you view God giving his Word as an act of love? Why or why not?

What are a few ways that God's Word can be spoken? How are you at doing these?

When has following the guidance of God's Word led you into a good situation or blessing?

What books of the Bible are your favorite? Which verse brings you the most delight?

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Getting to the Gospel

The Gospel is on the lips of the faithful. The feet of those that bring good news are blessed. Jesus calls those that would join him in proclaiming the Gospel his friends, even his family. We can trust a loving God with the words of our mouth. We can be bold in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.



Further Reading and Study Resources

Psalm 106
Psalm 31
Proverbs 4
Proverbs 27
Acts 26

[Invite Friends to Read the Bible](#)



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What is your motivating factor for your relationship with God?

What drives you to know and speak the Word of God? What barriers do you face?

How do you respond or react when someone is making a joke about your faith or disagreeing with your beliefs?

What can we do differently to still show that person we love them and so does God?

How can we keep the law continually?

What specifically do we need to do when we don't keep the law?

Is our response different as Christians when we make mistakes?

How can we trust God with our words?

How can we be bold in proclaiming the Good News?

What does it mean that God loves us with an unfailing love? Can we love others with that same love?



Read and Reflect

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Read Psalm 119:49-50

Look up "remember" in a concordance. What do you observe?

What is the writer relying on when asking God to remember? What character qualities of God are revealed?

When the writer uses the phrase "made me hope," what is implying about God?

What "promise" is the writer relying on? How does this promise give life in affliction?

Read Psalm 119:51-52

Look up "insolent" and "deride" in a dictionary. What do they mean?

What does the writer's insistence on not turning from God's Word say about the disrespect?

Why would the Word of God being "from of old" be a positive attribute for the writer in this moment?

How would the ancient character of God's Word bring comfort?

Read Psalm 119:53-54

How does the focus shift in verse 53?

The writer connects the wicked with those that forsake the law. How does one lead to the other?

The writer talks about God's Word being like a song. What is different about a song?

Look up "sojourn" in a dictionary and concordance. What do you observe?



Apply to Your Life

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When have you felt forgotten or ignored by God? What did you feel?

How does God's Word help you feel connected to previous generations?

How does singing about God or his Word make you feel? How is song different from other ways of speaking God's Word?

When have you had trouble sleeping due to difficulty? How could turning to God's Word help?

What is God saying to you right now?

What are you going to do about it?



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Prayers and Answers to Prayer:



Getting to the Gospel

The Gospel is our only hope. We rely on the truths that are contained within the Gospel message. We rely on the God that gives the Gospel its power. Far from being something that we respond to once and then move on, it is a song that is sung throughout the concert of our lives.



Further Reading and Study Resources

Psalm 42
Psalm 71
Jeremiah 20
Romans 15:1-13

[Praying the Names and Attributes of God](#)



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Where do you find encouragement?

Do you have a specific go-to verse or place in scripture?

What helps you persevere in difficulty?

How do you react or respond to family when they don't believe? How can you share with them?

What are some of God's promises that you rely on?

What gives you hope?

How does God give you comfort?

What are some specific truths that you rely on from the Word?

How do you keep the Word like a song? How do you keep it consistent in your life?

What are some ways that you practice obedience? What is your biggest obstacle?



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Read Psalm 119:57-58

What does the writer mean by "my portion?"

What does the meaning say about the writer's satisfaction in God?

Look up "entreat" in a dictionary. What does "entreat your favor" mean?

How does verse 58 point out the value of knowing God's Word?

Read Psalm 119:59-60

How does the focus shift in verse 59? What does it shift to?

What does "turn my feet" mean? Write verse 59 in your own words.

The writer uses understatement in "do not delay." What is he saying?

What might be the motivation for the hurry in verse 60?

Read Psalm 119:61-62

How does the focus shift in verse 61? What is the focus?

What does the writer mean by "cords of the wicked?"

What does the writer's willingness to rise at midnight say about his commitment to God's Word?

What is motivating his sincere commitment?



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How have you felt fully satisfied with God? Why does this feeling not last?

How does your behavior display your need for God's constant guidance?

When have you felt trapped or entangled with sin? What makes the difference in these times?

Who do you have in your life to walk through God's Word with? When can you meet up with them?

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Prayers and Answers to Prayer:



Getting to the Gospel

The heart of the Gospel is that we get God. We get to be with God, walk with God in the cool of the day. Like the Garden of Eden but even better. The Garden was never completed. It was never filled. One day it will be. And we will have as our only portion and prize the God of our every desire.



Further Reading and Study Resources

Psalm 16
Psalm 33
Psalm 101
Luke 15

[Organizing a Prayer Journal](#)



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Do we show gratitude and praise for our relationship with God? Do others see that gratitude and praise in us?

What are some ways we can show God more gratitude and praise?

How has God made himself available to you?

How have you made yourself available to God?

What exactly is our commitment to change? How are we changing?

How can we challenge ourselves to grow?

How can we challenge those around us to grow?

What value do we find in God's Word?

Do we practice obedience and sharing the Gospel with fervent urgency? How can we increase?

What does our commitment to sharing the Gospel look like?



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Read Psalm 119:65-66

Why does the writer not put blame on God?

What is significant about the writer calling himself a servant of God?

Why is it important that judgement and knowledge rest in God?

Is God satisfied to be the place of good judgement and knowledge? Why or why not?

Read Psalm 119:67-68

What does the writer claim to the source of his affliction?

In verse 67, what does going "astray" mean?

What evidence does the psalmist have for God being good and doing good?

What is the writer's motivation for God teaching him in verse 68?

Read Psalm 119:69-70

How does the focus shift in verse 69? What is the tone of the verse?

Look up "insolent" in a dictionary. What does the meaning bring to this verse?

What might the writer mean by "unfeeling like fat?" Look up Psalm 17:10.

What does this verse suggest will happen to our hearts as we learn and obey God's Word?



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Have you ever felt defensive toward God's commands? Where does that attitude come from?

What is the source of the trouble and difficulty of our life?

How has God's Word softened your heart toward others?

When has trouble or disobedience pushed you toward God's Word for relief or guidance?

What is God saying to you right now?

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Prayers and Answers to Prayer:



Getting to the Gospel

God came to be with us and experienced the life that we live. He understands our struggles and difficulties. In fact, Jesus states that it was the lost that he came to save. The Gospel is not about learning and following the rules but rather turning to our savior who has done that for us.



Further Reading and Study Resources

Psalm 106
Proverbs 8
Hebrews 12:1-17
Philippians 1:3-12

[Topical Memory System \(TMS\) for iPhone and iPad](#)

[Topical Memory System \(TMS\) for Android](#)



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Has your own disobedience to God brought forth difficulty in your own life?

How does your disobedience affect those around you?

Have you overcome that situation and turn back to God? How?

What changes in your life when you turn back to God?

What value do you find in God's Word?

Is there a time in your life where you have blamed God for something?

What does it mean to be a servant of God?

Do we value the guidance of God more than treasure? Why is that difficult?

How does knowing God understands your struggles help you deal with them?

How do we decipher God's truth from all the lies we hear? Why is that difficult?



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Read Psalm 119:73-74

Are "made" and "fashioned" referring to the same thing or different things? Why?

What other places in the Scriptures can we turn to learn about God making us?

What does the writer mean by "those who fear you?"

What about the writer's life would cause others to rejoice?

Read Psalm 119:75-76

Look up "righteous" in a concordance. What do you observe?

What does it mean for God to be faithful to his own righteousness?

How could this cause affliction for the writer?

How does the steadfast love of God bring comfort in affliction?

Read Psalm 119:77-78

Look up "mercy" in a concordance. What do you observe?

What is the author depending on God's mercy for?

How does the focus shift in verse 78?

What seems to be the problem facing the psalmist?



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How do you feel unique? Why did God make you this way?

How has disobedience brought affliction or pain into your life?

When have you felt God's mercy tangibly in your life?

Who do you have in your life that turns to you for guidance? How do you share God's Word with them?

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Prayers and Answers to Prayer:



Getting to the Gospel

God guides us toward the Gospel. God's Law is a necessary guide toward the grace and mercy that are displayed in the Gospel. Without the Law displaying our disobedience we would never have known the need for God's presence to guide us in obedience. Obedience to God is evidence of a relationship with God. If we love him, we will obey him.



Further Reading and Study Resources

Psalm 34
Psalm 95
Jeremiah 15:10-21
Job 10

[Telling His Story by Telling Yours: A Tool for Witnessing](#)



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What does God's creation tell us about our purpose?

What does God's creation tell us about how to interact with each other?

What are we doing with what God has entrusted to us?

Which of God's commands guides you the most in your day-to-day life?

Which of God's commands is the most difficult for you to obey?

How do God's commands relate to each other?

What have you depended on God's mercy for?

How has God's mercy impacted your life?

Do others rejoice when they see what God has done in you?

How can we wholeheartedly follow God's commands? What happens when we fail?



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Read Psalm 119:81-82

Look up "salvation" in a concordance. Does it have different meanings? What do you observe?

How does hoping in God's Word connect with salvation?

What is the promise that the writer is longing for?

Read Hebrews 11. What do you observe about the promise?

Read Psalm 119:83-84

What does the image of "wineskin in the smoke" stir up in your imagination?

Look up the note on verse 83 in a study Bible (the ESV Study Bible is on page 1097). What is the psalmist saying?

What does the first question of the writer in verse 84 assume about God's knowledge?

What does the second question in verse 84 assume about God's judgement?

Read Psalm 119:85-86

How does the focus shift in verse 85? What is the tone of the writer?

What does the phrase "dug pitfalls" refer to? How does their disobedience affect the writer?

What problem is the writer facing in verse 86?

Contrast God's Word with those persecuting the psalmist?



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How have you felt the physical salvation of God? When has he saved you from trouble?

When have you had enemies or adversaries come against you? Did you ask God for help?

Have you ever been set up or trapped in a situation by others? What did you feel?

When has God's Word or his presence been life saving or sustaining for you?

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Prayers and Answers to Prayer:



Getting to the Gospel

The Gospel is not about escaping trouble. In the Gospel, God is giving us a way out or a way to rise above but rather a way through the pain and suffering. It binds us together in a way that nothing else can. Uniting with other followers around the glory of the Gospel is one of the purest forms of worship possible.



Further Reading and Study Resources

Psalm 69
Psalm 84
Job 30
Hebrews 11

[Prayer App for Persecuted Christians | OpenDoors USA](#)



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How do you know when to cry out to God?

How can we appeal to the character and nature of God revealed in God's Word?

How can you connect to those being persecuted? How can we unite with their cause?

What are you doing to be the help that God is sending?

Which of God's promises do you long for the most?

What about salvation offers you the most hope?

Since God is all-knowing why do we need to cry out to him?

Why are we so quick to ask for God's judgement for others and so quick to ask for mercy for ourselves?

What can we do to adjust our intentions from being self-preserving to living in service of others?

How do we know all of God's commands are trustworthy and true?



Read and Reflect

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Read Psalm 119:89-90

Compare verse 89 with Romans 1:18-23?

What are some ways that God's Word is revealed in creation?

How are generations connected through the Word of God?

What gives God the right to make demands of the earth and the things that live on the earth?

Read Psalm 119:91-92

What among all of creation refuses to honor and obey God and Creator and Lord?

What does this reveal about mankind?

Compare and contrast the life of obedience with the life of disobedience.

What is the ultimate outcome of each?

Read Psalm 119:93-94

How does verse 93 express the importance of God's Word to the writer?

Where does he locate the source of life?

How does verse 94 express the rest and reliance on God?

What does the writer expect to save him?



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When have you seen or felt God's greatness by looking at creation?

What is one way that you can obey God today? Who can hold you accountable? When will you tell them?

How often do you read or study God's Word? How often would you like to? What needs to change?

When have you felt ambushed by the enemy in your attempts to obey God?

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The Gospel is bigger than us. It extends forward into generations to come. The generation before you sacrificed in order that you may hear the Gospel. If the Gospel message is to continue into the next generation then we must be the ones to tell them. In this way, the Gospel unites us.



Further Reading and Study Resources

Psalm 36
Psalm 71
Jeremiah 31

BibleGateway.com: A searchable online Bible in over 150 versions and 50 languages.



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How are we putting focus on our relationship with God this week?

What are some ways that God's steadfast love is visible in your life?

In what ways can we consider past generations in our decision-making?

In what ways can we consider future generations in our decision-making?

How can we honor God today without being burdened by the past or worry about the future?

How can we unite the past, present and future to the Gospel?

What examples of God's faithfulness have you witnessed in past generations and in future generations?

Does God's faithfulness overlap between past, present and future generations?

What does it mean that all things serve God? Does that mean even evil serves God?

What is the limit to perfection for us? What about for God?



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Read Psalm 119:97-98

What causes the Word to be on the writer's mind all day?

What is the outcome of extended thinking on God's Word (meditate)?

What is it about God's Word that can make someone wiser?

How is the Word always with us?

Read Psalm 119:99-100

What gives the writer more understanding than his teachers? What are his other teachers?

This is the second time meditation on the Word is mentioned. What does that suggest?

How does God's Word give more understanding than the aged? What are the aged?

How does keeping the Word give understanding compared to just knowing the Word?

Read Psalm 119:101-102

What does the psalmist mean by holding his feet back from every evil way? Write that phrase in your own words.

How is keeping from evil affected by keeping God's Word?

What image does the phrase "turn aside from" create in your mind?

What keeps the writer on the path of obedience?



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How are you at memorizing God's Word from 1-10? How would you like to be?

How have you seen God's Word increase your wisdom?

When have you had to make a choice between what you want and God wants for you?

Why is the truth sweeter than lies? What makes you believe lies instead of the truth?

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The Word is the Gospel. Sometimes we can forget that. Many places in the Bible feel foreign to the grace and forgiveness of Jesus. But it is all connected in a whole tapestry that God is weaving in the world. Once we view the whole Bible in this way, the Word becomes so much sweeter. Even the strictest laws reveal the glory and grace of Jesus Christ as honey drips from our tongues.



Further Reading and Study Resources

Psalm 19
Proverbs 1:8-19
Job 32:6-22
2 Timothy 3:10-17

[The Wheel Illustration](#)



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How are you set apart from those around you?

What is the purpose and benefit of being set apart?

How do you receive wisdom from God? How do you know it is from God?

What do you do with the wisdom you've been given? How do you share it?

How can we keep our minds from growing dull? How can we keep our minds refreshed?

When does knowledge of the Word move to obedience of God's commands?

How do laws and commands reveal God's grace and glory?

What are some ways we can meditate on God's Word?

Does knowing you are wiser than your enemies change the way you interact or respond to them?

How do you know which path is the right path in life?



Read and Reflect

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Read Psalm 119:105-106

What do the words "light" and "lamp" communicate about God's Word?

How does the Word of God guide us on our "path?"

What does the writer's swearing an oath suggest about his identity?

What kind of leader would swear an oath to keep God's Word?

Read Psalm 119:107-108

What does the repetition of affliction suggest about the writer?

What does the writer's repeated turn to God for help through his Word suggest?

Describe a "freewill offering of praise" in your own words.

Look up Hebrews 13:15. How does this help understand the phrase?

Read Psalm 119:109-110

What does it mean to "hold your life in my hand?"

Why would someone in this kind of position need increased reliance on God's Word?

What does it mean to "lay a snare?"

How can God's Word provide guidance in this situation?



Apply to Your Life

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When have you turned to God's Word in guidance on a decision or choice?

Why does God's guidance become clearer and brighter in difficult times?

When have you ever felt like your life was in danger? How did your reliance on God change?

What are some ways that obedience can bring joy into your life?

What is God saying to you right now?

What are you going to do about it?



Unplugged Quiet Time

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What does this verse reveal about who you are? Pray and confess to God.

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Prayers and Answers to Prayer:



Getting to the Gospel

The Gospel is our guiding light. For many, the Gospel has become a message about salvation that we once responded to long ago. But it is more, much more. The Gospel guides us in reading and obeying all of God's Word. We can and should be guided by the Gospel in our pursuit of obedience.



Further Reading and Study Resources

Psalm 71
Proverbs 6:20-35
Deuteronomy 33
Hebrews 13:1-18

<https://netbible.org/bible/>



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How is God's Word a light?

How do we obey God's Word in our decision-making process?

What are some natural consequences to making decisions on our own?

How are we pursuing obedience in our own lives?

How can we use God's Word as a guide for obedience and not just a salvation story?

How do we share with others that the Word is both a salvation story and a guide for obedience?

How can we practice total surrender and refrain from taking our lives into our own hands?

How do we stay true to God's Word even when our enemies come after us?

What kind of heart check needs to be done in order to keep His commands and how often do we need to do a heart check?

How does God preserve our lives according to His Word?



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Read Psalm 119:113-114

What does it mean to be "double-minded?" Look up James 1:7.

How does God's Word keep us from being double-minded?

What is the writer saying about God's Word when he calls it a "hiding place?"

How does God's Word provide protection and a place of retreat?

Read Psalm 119:115-116

Write verse 115 in your own words. What do you observe?

What does the writer desire for himself?

Why would the writer ask God to keep his own promise?

What would cause the writer to put to shame?

Read Psalm 119:117-118

Where does the safety of the writer rest?

What is the hoped for outcome of the writer's survival?

What does "spurn" mean?

How does God's Word make the cunning of men in vain? What examples do you see?



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What causes you to feel indecisive? Do you ever feel this way toward obeying God?

Have you ever needed to separate from friends due to bad behavior? Why is it sometimes right?

Do you feel that the Word of God gives you safety? Why or why not?

Do you avoid thinking about or talking about hell or God's judgement? Why or why not?

What is God saying to you right now?

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Prayers and Answers to Prayer:



Getting to the Gospel

The good news of God's Son coming to live, die, rise from the dead is a place of refuge and retreat when we are assaulted by the wrongs of this world. We have hope in the promise of God that he will rescue all things from the grasp of the enemy. He will not allow evil, with all of its cunning, to win.



Further Reading and Study Resources

Psalm 3
Psalm 7
Habakkuk 3
James 1

[Promises of God - She Reads Truth](#)



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Why is God's Word a hiding place and shield? Do we experience it that way?

Why is God's Word a refuge and retreat? Do we experience it that way?

Where do we go as Christians when we need a safe place?

What do we do when we're offended or assaulted?

Is our reaction or response different or the same as non-believers?

Is our comfort seeking different or the same as non-believers?

What's the difference between unhealthy fear and fear of the Lord?

What promises of God do we lean on when we need hope?

How do we tell evil doers to stay away?

Where is the line between reaching out to the lost and telling evil doers to stay away? How do we reach the world without becoming like the world or letting the world impact us?



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Read Psalm 119:121-122

What is the writer calling out for in verse 121?

What characteristics of God is he appealing to?

What about God is the psalmist resting his faith on in verse 122?

What must the obedient feel when they are persecuted by the insolent?

Read Psalm 119:123-124

Does the writer use "salvation" in a temporal sense or an eternal sense? Is he asking for salvation from his present trouble or from his sin?

How can you tell the difference?

Why does the writer appeal to the love of God for help?

Write verse 124 in your own words. What do you observe?

Read Psalm 119:125-126

Why does the psalmist repeatedly ask for understanding?

What does understanding involve?

What does it seem that the writer is feeling in verse 126?

Who has broken the law in this verse?



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How have you been desperate for God's intervention in a situation?

Why does a loving God not save us from every situation that would cause us harm?

On a range from 1-10, rank your level of biblical understanding? What would you like it to be?

What are you resolved to change about your relationship with obedience of God's Word?

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Prayers and Answers to Prayer:



Getting to the Gospel

One of the most uplifting truths of the Gospel is that God wins. His truth and grace will ultimately eliminate evil and pain, sickness and death. The end result of the Gospel is the victory for all of creation that we get to experience, in an incomplete way, in the here and now.



Further Reading and Study Resources

Psalm 27
Psalm 116
Job 17

[The Power of Praying God's Words](#)



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How can we appeal to God's character?

Why is it to take the narrow way instead of the easy way out?

Do we always do that? How can we learn to take the narrow road more often?

What are some examples of taking the narrow road in our daily lives?

How do we keep our emotions and attitudes in check when we are taking the more narrow path to righteousness?

How do we know when to take a stand and when to let it go?

Which issues are the ones we cannot be silent about?

How can we appropriately take a stand without causing others to stumble?

How does the fact that God always wins change the way you address or handle things?

How do we love our enemies and hate the wrong path at the same time?



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Read Psalm 119:129-130

Why do you think that the writer speaks of his soul keeping the Word of God?

Does the soul respond differently than the body or mind to the Word of God? Why?

Explain how the unfolding of God's Words can give light?

What does "giving light" refer to? How can it impact even the most simple?

Read Psalm 119:131-132

What image comes to your mind with "open my mouth and pant?"

What does it say about the writer that he is willing to use such imagery?

What does the psalmist mean by "turn to me?" How does God turn toward us?

How is God's relationship different with those that love him? Read John 14:15.

Read Psalm 119:133-134

What does the imagery of "keep steady my steps" bring to your mind?

What are some ways that God's Word keeps our steps steady?

Look up "redeem" in a concordance and dictionary. What do you observe?

How does redemption relate to "man's oppression?"



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When have you felt your soul desire something that your body struggled against?

Are you in a position to obey whatever God might command you today? How can you change?

What are different ways that God has redeemed you?

When have you been brought to tears by God and his Word? Has that changed? Why or why not?

What is God saying to you right now?

What are you going to do about it?



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Prayers and Answers to Prayer:



Getting to the Gospel

Nothing declares the wonder and majesty of God like the Gospel. That God would make such a cosmic relationship happen by hearing our cries and responding with rescue and redemption. God turns his face to shine grace upon us. This is such good news.



Further Reading and Study Resources

Psalm 81
Job 29
Jeremiah 9
Luke 1:68-79

[GCD | 10 Ways Phones Can be Used for Our Good and God's Glory](#)



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What story or scripture from the Word leaves you feeling a sense of wonder and awe for God?

How can you exhibit humility when talking with others and still stand firm?

Give an example of a time God heard your cries and answered you.

Does the way God responds to us have an impact on our relationship with him?

Does God only give mercy to those that believe in him? Why or why not?

Does belief in God come first or mercy from God? Why?

How can we help those around us obey God too?

When we pray for God to break our hearts for what breaks his, what does that call us to do?

Is it all on God to save people or is there a part in that mission for us to complete?

How can our humility toward God help us display God to others?



Read and Reflect

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Read Psalm 119:137-138

What does "righteous" mean? Look it up in a dictionary and a concordance.

How is righteous a description of God's character and his Word?

Look up "faithfulness" in a dictionary and concordance. What do you observe?

What is the difference between righteousness and faithfulness? How are they similar?

Read Psalm 119:139-140

Look up "zeal" in a dictionary and concordance. What do you observe?

What is the motivation behind the writer's zeal? What does he hope to accomplish?

What does the writer mean when he calls God's promise "well tried?"

How do we go about trying God's promise?

Read Psalm 119:141-142

What might the psalmist mean by "small and despised?"

What other verses have we seen that would give us insight into the writer's meaning?

Why would the writer repeat "righteousness" twice in one sentence?

Does the writer's repetition achieve his goal of emphasis? What is he emphasizing?



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What is one area of your life that you need to trust God in right now?

Have you ever felt the need to "work for God?" Describe that feeling. What was the result?

What ways do you feel "small" or "despised?" How do you feel incapable of ministry?

How do you remind yourself of God's goodness in difficult times?

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Prayers and Answers to Prayer:



Getting to the Gospel

Jesus is the righteousness of God in the flesh. We so often miss the mark (the definition of the word "sin") but yet Jesus takes on our sin when he is placed on a cross. When we place our trust in Jesus Christ as savior, Lord and King we receive his righteousness in the place of our sin.



Further Reading and Study Resources

Psalm 69
Psalm 116
John 17:6-19
2 Corinthians 5:21

[The Two Best Tools for Word Study](#)



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How exactly do we establish trust in God's Word?

How do we then practice trust in God?

How can we build that trust in God's Word?

How do we as followers of Christ define morality?

What is our moral standard?

Can we hold non-believers to our moral standard?

How do we interact with other believers that do not hold our moral standard?

How do we interact with non-believers that do not hold our moral standard?

What can we do when our enemies ignore the truth?

Do we have to surrender in order to trust God?



Read and Reflect

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Read Psalm 119:145-146

What do you think the writer is communicating with the phrase "whole heart?"

What is it like to cry with a whole heart? How does God's Word use "heart" in other places?

Compare the phrase "call out to" with the word "cry" that is used in other verses.

Look up Genesis 16:11 and Exodus 3:7-12. What do you observe?

Read Psalm 119:147-148

Write verse 147 in your own words.

What is the writer describing in this verse? How does this verse reflect the prayer life of the psalmist?

What does "watches of the night" mean?

Taking verses 147 and 148 together, how does the writer engage with God's Word in prayer?

Read Psalm 119:149-150

What characteristics of God is the writer appealing to in verse 149?

What is necessary in us for a just God to grant us life?

How does the focus shift in verse 150?

What does this shift say about the source of the writer's prayers?



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When have you cried out with your whole heart for God? How did he answer?

Do you schedule time to pray? How could you add this or increase this in your life?

On a scale of 1-10, rate your prayer life. What can you do to improve?

Do you typically view prayer as a blessing or a burden? Why?

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Prayers and Answers to Prayer:



Getting to the Gospel

The Gospel proclaims a God that hears his people. A good God that is near us. He sees us. He recognizes the need for salvation and rescue and so he comes as a redeemer for his people that will trust in his steadfast love. But that connection does not end. The Gospel remains an ever-present reality through all of our pain and difficulty. One day, the good news is that there will be no more pain, no more difficulty.



Further Reading and Study Resources

Psalm 5
Psalm 44
Psalm 36
Psalm 141

[Printable Psalms Prayer Chart](#)



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Does knowing God is near change the way we pray or speak to God?

Are we more transparent knowing He is all-knowing and always present?

Why do we doubt God's closeness at the first sign of trouble?

How can we show others how to turn to God when things go wrong instead of filling that God-shaped hole with other things?

How do we lead with experience and exhibit that dependence on God in our lives?

Where do we go for "connection" when trouble is brewing?

Do our prayers reflect God speaking life into us or our motivations?

How does the Good News of Heaven impact your daily life?

How can we be watchful and prepared without focusing on evil?

How can we live knowing God's Word is true and victory is real?



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Read Psalm 119:153-154

Look up "affliction" in a concordance. What do you observe about its use?

What does the repetition of the word "affliction" in this psalm suggest about the writer?

Look up "redeem" in a concordance. What do you observe?

Compare the use in this psalm with the way the word is used in other places in God's Word?

Read Psalm 119:155-156

Who would be identified as the "wicked" in this psalm?

Why is salvation so far from them? Is it possible for them to experience salvation?

Look up "mercy" in a concordance? What does the scriptures reveal about God's mercy?

Why does the writer depend on the mercy of God to receive life from him?

Read Psalm 119:157-158

What does verse 157 suggest that the writer is feeling?

How does his response display trust in God?

What would cause the writer's feeling toward the faithless?

What behavior does the psalmist connect being faithless to?



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What ways are you feeling afflicted by sin and difficulty right now?

Who or what do you view as causing this affliction and difficulty?

What can you do to place your affliction in the hands of God today?

How does knowing that God wants to display mercy by being with you in affliction shift your experience?

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Getting to the Gospel

We are in a period of waiting. We wait in the Gospel. Proclaiming the goodness of God coming to rescue sinners from the disaster of their sin, but also waiting for the return of Christ to fully rescue us. Some can grow weary with waiting but the Gospel reminds us that the God that is faithful to move into our lives in the here and now will see it through to the end.



Further Reading and Study Resources

Psalm 35
Psalm 3
Psalm 139
Job 5
Job 36

[Read & Study The Bible - Daily Verse, Scripture by Topic, Stories](#)



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What is a time you had to practice obedience while waiting?

How could you have practiced more obedience and patience?

How do you remain committed to being obedient even when those around you are not?

How do you react when you are not obedient? What are the natural consequences?

How do you recommit on being obedient after you've gone astray?

How do we realign our focus when we don't see results?

Why does obedience seem like such a foreign concept to us?

What does redemption look like to us as followers of Christ? What is God redeeming us from?

Do our responses display our trust in God?

What does our waiting look like? What are we waiting for?



Read and Reflect

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Read Psalm 119:161-162

What insight does verse 161 give us to the identity of the writer's enemies?

How might this impact his desperation?

What image does the writer use to describe reading God's Word?

What makes the study of God's Word like a search for treasure?

Read Psalm 119:163-164

Is the writer justified in his "hate?" Why or why not?

Look up "abhor" in a dictionary. What insight does this give you?

Look up "seven" in a concordance. What do you observe about the use of this number?

What does this verse suggest about the attitude toward obedience of the writer?

Read Psalm 119:165-166

Why would those that love God's Word have peace?

Read Matthew 7:24-27. How does this agree with verse 165?

Why is obedience to the commands necessary?

Can the disobedient expect salvation from God? Why or why not?



Apply to Your Life

Take some time this week to apply this week's passage to your life right now by answering these questions. How does this passage impact your life at home, at work or at school? How does God want you to respond? Use the space below or a journal to write your answers.

What is something that you have discovered in God's Word lately? How did you feel?

How do you feel about fake people? Why do you feel this way? How do you avoid being fake?

When have you felt peace from God? How has God's Word encouraged your peace?

How passionate are you about obeying God? How can you increase your passion for obedience?

What is God saying to you right now?

What are you going to do about it?



Unplugged Quiet Time

Take some time this week to unplug from distractions and listen to God's voice in his Word. Read over this week's passage listening for God to speak to your heart. Pray through the passage using the following pattern. Use the space below or a journal to write your answers.

Identify the one verse or phrase that stood out to you this week. Read over it a few times.

What does this verse or phrase say about who God is? Pray and tell God.

What does this verse say about what God has done? Pray and thank God.

What does this verse reveal about who you are? Pray and confess to God.

What does this verse command you to do/change? Pray and commit to God.

Spend a few minutes each day this week telling God about these things and thanking him for what you have discovered.

Prayers and Answers to Prayer:



Getting to the Gospel

Few promises in the Gospel are as comforting as the truth that if we seek Jesus, we will find him. The Gospel proclaims that anyone that desires to be near God can know him and love him. Nothing separates us from his love if we desire his salvation.



Further Reading and Study Resources

Psalm 69
Proverbs 3
1 John 2:7-11
Matthew 13:44-46

[Insights on the Bible - An Overview of the Books of the Bible](#)



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What verse or phrase stands out to you?

What are some things that you observe about the verse or phrase?

What is going on in your life that God is speaking to in this verse or phrase?

What is God calling you to do, change or confess?

Based on the above response, take turns in prayer for one another.

Who are you going to share about what God is doing in your life?



Gather and Discuss

This week gather together in Life Group to discuss with one another the things that you have discovered, the questions that you have or the ways that God is calling you to apply his Word to your life. Use the following questions to guide your conversation.

How can we express gratitude to God?

How has God's Word impacted the world at large?

How has God's Word impacted our community and loved ones?

How has God's Word impacted our own lives?

What does your reading, prayer and study look like on a daily basis?

How does God's Word stay relevant and new while still remaining unchanged?

When is the last time you truly sought out Jesus?

If the Holy Spirit lives in us and we surrender to Jesus, do we still need to seek Him?

How often do you praise God's name in a day?

Do we find peace or restriction from God's commands and laws?



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Read Psalm 119:169-170

What does the writer desire from God in verse 169?

What characteristics of God is he counting on?

How does verse 170 display what the psalmist is feeling?

How does prayer connect with our trust in God's Word in these verses?

Read Psalm 119:171-172

How does the passage shift at verse 171?

What is the focus in verse 171-172?

Why is singing an appropriate response for the psalmist?

How does singing impact our relationship with God's Word? Is it different from prayer? How?

Read Psalm 119:173-174

Read Exodus 3:13-22. How is God's Hand displayed there?

How does God's Word give the writer the confidence to count on God's hand?

What does the writer have in common with the people in the Exodus? What is different?

How does remembering the story of the Exodus give peace to the writer?



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Do you always feel like God is hearing your prayers? What do you do when it doesn't feel like he is?

How do you practice regular worship? How can you increase this time of worship?

What story or passage in God's Word do you connect with most? Why?

What can you do when you turn from the obedience of God's Word? What is your response plan?

What is God saying to you right now?

What are you going to do about it?



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Getting to the Gospel

The Gospel as revealed in God's Word is glorious and demands our worship and obedience. We all fall short of giving God that glory that he deserves. The grace displayed in the Gospel makes it possible for God to come to our rescue and restore us allowing us to pursue obedience once more.



Further Reading and Study Resources

Psalm 145
Exodus 3
Joshua 24
Isaiah 53
Luke 15
Matthew 18:10-14

[glo Bible – The Media Bible](#)



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How has your appreciation for God's Word changed since starting this study if any?

Who is God to those in the world at large?

Who is God to those in our community?

What is God doing in our current situation as a community and world at large?

Who is God personally to us and what has he done in our lives?

Does His relationship status with us change person-to-person?

What characteristics of God are you counting on today?

Why does God's Word demand our worship?

Why does God choose to restore us knowing we are going to mess up again?

Discipleship Path

Write out your days, times and plan for your week.

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Personal Bible Study and Reading

Prayer and Quiet Time

Life Group and Discipling Relationship

How to start a Discipling Relationship

A Discipling Relationship is a group of three people (of the same gender) that are committed to listening to what God is saying to them in his Word, being obedient in doing what he says to do and praying for each other as you follow through.

We call this a simple rhythm of obedience. Simply asking:

1. What is Jesus teaching me right now?
2. What am I going to do about it?
3. How can you pray for me?

Of course, there are many other conversations and discussions around scripture that will come up in a Discipling Relationship, but the group needs to remain focused to address these three questions before engaging in those other conversations.

So, what do you need to do to start a Discipling Relationship?

1. Pray. Ask Jesus to reveal someone that would be interested and committed.
2. Ask. Go to that person and approach the idea. Give them this sheet if needed.
3. Decide. Set a time and place for the group meeting. Public spaces are okay but we have learned that they do not work well for more intimate discussions.
4. Commit. Move the meeting, don't miss it. If someone in the group has something come up, set up another time and place in the same week.
5. Share. Everyone needs to be involved. Everyone can take turns leading the discussion. Each person can have a responsibility for setting up the group.

How to start a Life Group

A Life Group is about 10-12 people that are gathered together to build relationships with one another around the application of God's Word in everyday life. In short, we say that this is how we do life with one another. A Life Group can be a blend of church members and non-members. It can be a blend of followers of Christ and not yet followers of Christ. But everyone needs to be aware and agree that the Bible will be discussed as the core function of the group.

Where do Life Groups meet?

Life Groups can meet anywhere but we find that the living room of one or more of your group members is ideal. Hosting the meeting is a great way for Life Group members that are not comfortable with leading discussions can serve and be involved. We also share meals often as a part of our Life Group rhythms. Every member can contribute for the meal and this makes a great time of fellowship, as well as helping with the busy evening schedules.

What do Life Groups do?

1. Discuss. We talk about God's Word using a Bible study or sermon notes.
2. Pray. We spend time sharing our needs and pray for one another.
3. Share. We open up about how God is moving in our lives. We offer support not advice.
4. Serve. We join in serving others together. We might even partner with another Life Group.
5. Celebrate. We pause to bring the better party when birthdays or other events arise.

How to start a Life Group.

Starting a Life Group can be intimidating at first. We don't all have 10-12 people hanging around wanting to study the Bible with us. Know this, everyone that has started a Life Group has felt that feeling and following through with obedience to Jesus if he is calling you to do this will be one of the greatest blessings in your life.

1. Pray. Ask Jesus to lead you to people that may be longing for this kind of relationship.
2. Share. Get the word out through flyers handed personally to people that you feel led to.
3. Relax. This does not need to be overwhelming. Make it fun.
4. Partner. Get one or two other people to help you. The more that say they want to come, ask them to help.
5. Start Small. Don't expect 10-12 people to join up in order to start your group. We have had wonderful groups with 5 people.

You are not alone.

We are here to help you along the way. Simply reach out through email and we can assist you.

Resource Links

Bible Study Software

[Blue Letter Bible: Bible Search and Study Tools](#)

[The Olive Tree Bible App by Olive Tree Bible Software](#)

[Logos Bible Software](#)

[BibleGateway.com: A searchable online Bible in over 150 versions and 50 languages.](#)

Study Resource Sites

[Resources](#)

[Resource Archive](#)

<https://netbible.org/bible/>

[Read & Study The Bible - Daily Verse, Scripture by Topic, Stories](#)

[Insights on the Bible - An Overview of the Books of the Bible](#)

Articles

[Praying the Promises: Pleading with God](#)

[Praying the Names and Attributes of God](#)

[Telling His Story by Telling Yours: A Tool for Witnessing](#)

[Promises of God - She Reads Truth](#)

[The Power of Praying God's Words](#)

[GCD | 10 Ways Phones Can be Used for Our Good and God's Glory](#)

[The Two Best Tools for Word Study](#)

Other Resources

[The Word Hand](#)

[Invite Friends to Read the Bible](#)

[Organizing a Prayer Journal](#)

[The Wheel Illustration](#)

[Printable Psalms Prayer Chart](#)

Apps

[Topical Memory System \(TMS\) for iPhone and iPad](#)

[Topical Memory System \(TMS\) for Android](#)

[Prayer App for Persecuted Christians | OpenDoors USA](#)

[glo Bible – The Media Bible](#)

Suggested Reading

[Living By The Book by Howard Hendricks](#)

[How to Read the Bible for All It is Worth by Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart](#)

[How to Read the Bible Book by Book by Gordon Fee and Douglas Stewart](#)

[Women of the Word by Jen Wilkin](#)

[How to Understand Your Bible by T. Norton Sterrett and Richard L. Schultz](#)

[Navigators Bible Studies Handbook](#)