



**"FOLLOWING CHRIST: Study"**

**Growth Group Discussion Questions for Psalm 119:1-16**

**Week of February 17-20, 2019**

1. Scripture memory: Review Psalm 63:1-6. Memorize, meditate on, and be ready to recite Ps. 63:7.
2. Carefully read Psalm 119:1-16 at least twice.
3. The author of this Psalm uses a variety of terms for God's Word: testimonies, precepts, statutes, commandments, rules, etc. What overall attitude toward the Word of God do you sense from the author of this Psalm? Explain.
4. Keeping God's commands is not supposed to come simply from a heart of raw duty or obligation.
  - a) What do you see in this passage that touches on the author's heart and relationship with God himself?
  - b) Why is it important that your obedience to God be closely connected to your love for God? (John 14:15, 21-24; 15:9-11)
  - c) What do you see in this passage that indicates the author's love of God's Word? Why do you think he loved the Word of God so much? (vv. 20, 24, 40, 47, 48, 77, 92, 103, 111, 127, 162, 165)
  - d) What is it about God's Word that should draw or cause you to love it also? How should this impact your heart attitude toward obeying God's Word? (Ps. 19:7-11, 2 Tim. 3:16-17, 1 Pet. 2:2)

5. The Psalmist says, "I have stored up your word in my heart" (v. 11).
  - a) What are the benefits of memorizing portions of God's Word? What benefits have you seen?
  
  - b) Is this a regular practice for you? How can you make Scripture memorization more a part of your spiritual disciplines? How can God use this discipline to encourage you, comfort you, challenge you, and spur your spiritual growth?
  
6. The Psalmist talks about meditating on God's Word (v. 15). What does it mean to meditate on God's Word? How do you (or should you) do it? What are the benefits of regularly taking time to meditate on God's Word? (Ps. 1:2-3, Josh. 1:7-8)
  
7. Read Psalm 25. According to this Psalm, what attitudes should we bring to our reading, studying, and meditating on God's Word? How can a proud or self-satisfied heart hinder you from benefitting from God's Word?
  
8. What principles or thoughts had the most impact on you from the message on Sunday, February 17th? How were you specifically challenged? What points of application did you take away from the message?

**PRAY IN THE GROUP:** Pray for our upcoming "Dinner and a Movie" event. Pray that all who attend will grow in understanding, sensitivity, and grace toward the disabled in our church. Pray also that Cornerstone can reach the disabled and their families in our community for the sake of the gospel and the Kingdom of God.