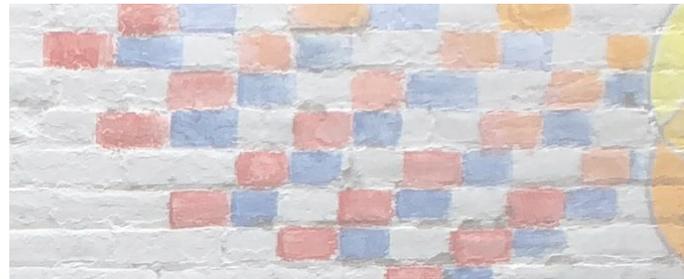


GETTING TO KNOW GOD

An 8-Week Journey Through Psalm 119

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This 8-week devotional walks through Psalm 119, showing us valuable lessons on relating to God and His word, while also answering the questions: What is God like? And why should I care?



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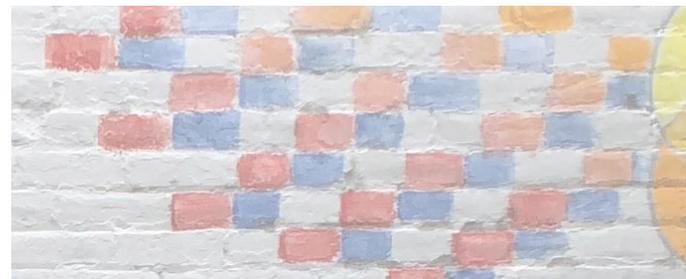
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Friday: Psalm 119:17-24



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MONDAY

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

PSALM 119

- 1 Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,
who walk according to the law of the Lord.
- 2 Blessed are those who keep his statutes
and seek him with all their heart—
- 3 they do no wrong
but follow his ways.
- 4 You have laid down precepts
that are to be fully obeyed.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were steadfast
in obeying your decrees!
- 6 Then I would not be put to shame
when I consider all your commands.
- 7 I will praise you with an upright heart
as I learn your righteous laws.
- 8 I will obey your decrees;
do not utterly forsake me.

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

What verse(s) caught my attention?

What is my general observation
about these verse(s)?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How can I apply this verse to my
life?

What can I do to set myself up for
spiritual success this week?



COMMENTARY

God has given us a guide to living successfully. Because we are in a fallen world, difficult circumstances or consequences may be present, but by God's mercy we have Him to walk through those things with us and to lead us in a meaningful and impactful way (Matthew 28:19-20). His word provides a roadmap to peace and blessing, and when we are purposeful, determined, and unwavering in following his roadmap we can experience joy and authentic praise for Him (Psalm 23).



PRAYER

Spend a few minutes praying
through your reflection and
application.

WEEK 1 TUESDAY

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

Reflect on God's attributes:

Because God is a personal Spirit...
I will seek intimate fellowship with Him.

Psalm 143:6

"I reach out for You. I thirst for You as parched
land thirsts for rain."

Reflection & Prayer

Spend a few minutes thinking through how
God's personal Spirit affects your life and
relationship with Him. Praise God for who He is
and how He relates to us.



WEEK 1

WEDNESDAY

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

PSALM 119

9 How can a young person stay on the path of purity?

By living according to your word.

10 I seek you with all my heart;

do not let me stray from your commands.

11 I have hidden your word in my heart

that I might not sin against you.

12 Praise be to you, Lord;

teach me your decrees.

13 With my lips I recount

all the laws that come from your mouth.

14 I rejoice in following your statutes

as one rejoices in great riches.

15 I meditate on your precepts

and consider your ways.

16 I delight in your decrees;

I will not neglect your word.

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

What verse(s) caught my attention?

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How can I apply this verse to my life?

What thoughts, perspectives, or values do I need a mid-week reset on?

COMMENTARY

There is great happiness and celebration in knowing God fully, and having a firm grasp on His word in our hearts. It is not that following God's ways are like barriers that hold us back from "freedoms" in life, but rather that God's commands, His statutes, actually create freedom within us to experience a fullness of relationship with Him and a fulfilling lifestyle that our creator intended for us (John 10:10). His ways are so good, and His commands are so necessary for life, that we should treat them as precious gifts (Proverbs 8:11). As God reveals His ways to us we should praise Him and rejoice that He has given us a glimpse of how we can honor Him and live successfully.

PRAYER

Spend a few minutes praying through your reflection and application.

WEEK 1 THURSDAY

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

Read the "What Is God Like?" series blog post for 11/1/18
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REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

What areas of my life do I need hope and help with?

What areas of my life have I been trying to live separated from God?

What areas of my life do I need to choose to trust God with?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

This week I will trust God with

Recognizing that when I fully surrender to God and rely on His strength, I will experience his presence and power with

PRAYER QUESTIONS

God, thank you for providing hope in all areas of my life. I recognize what Jesus has done for my past and what your power means for my future. You have reigning victory over sin and death, and you will use that same loving kindness and mighty power to have victory over any troubles I may face in my future. I will turn to you, I will talk with you, and I will trust you always. Please help me to live in continuous surrender to you, so that I can experience the hope and victory that comes from you. I pray these things in Jesus name, Amen.



WEEK 1 FRIDAY

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

PSALM 119

- 17 Be good to your servant while I live,
that I may obey your word.
- 18 Open my eyes that I may see
wonderful things in your law.
- 19 I am a stranger on earth;
do not hide your commands from me.
- 20 My soul is consumed with longing
for your laws at all times.
- 21 You rebuke the arrogant, who are accursed,
those who stray from your commands.
- 22 Remove from me their scorn and contempt,
for I keep your statutes.
- 23 Though rulers sit together and slander me,
your servant will meditate on your decrees.
- 24 Your statutes are my delight;
they are my counselors.

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS

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COMMENTARY

God provides everything that we need. God provided for our deepest need of salvation, through His merciful gift of Jesus (Romans 3:23, 5:8, 6:23), and so we know that we can rely on Him to provide for all of our needs (Romans 8:32). That same love and attentiveness to our needs is displayed by the merciful gift of His word, the roadmap to success and happiness the way that God intended. Just as David did, we should view ourselves as foreigners to this world, in need of God's protection, provision, and wisdom as we go about our days (Romans 12:2).

PRAYER

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WEEK 2

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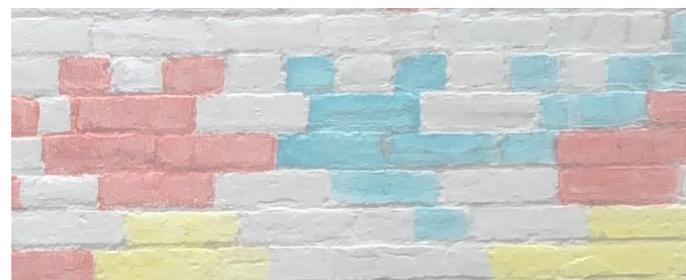
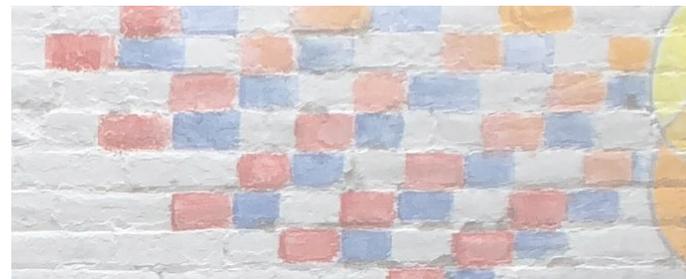
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Tuesday: Reflect on God's Attributes

Wednesday: Psalm 119:33-40

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Friday: Psalm 119:41-48



WEEK 2

MONDAY

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

PSALM 119

25 I am laid low in the dust;
preserve my life according to your word.

26 I gave an account of my ways and you
answered me;
teach me your decrees.

27 Cause me to understand the way of your
precepts,
that I may meditate on your wonderful deeds.

28 My soul is weary with sorrow;
strengthen me according to your word.

29 Keep me from deceitful ways;
be gracious to me and teach me your law.

30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness;
I have set my heart on your laws.

31 I hold fast to your statutes, Lord;
do not let me be put to shame.

32 I run in the path of your commands,
for you have broadened my understanding.

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

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about these verse(s)?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How can I apply this verse to my
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COMMENTARY

We have freedom to express openly with God. God actually wants us to communicate with Him constantly (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). Here David exemplifies his freedom to go to God in all circumstances and also shows us a good example of how we should position ourselves in those times of taking our concerns to God; trusting and acting on whatever God communicates for us to do (1 John 1:6-7). We must take God's word seriously and acknowledge it as the only true way to happiness. We must choose to walk in His ways, not because we don't know of any other way, but because we know that God's way is the only path to what He wants for us to experience in life, which ultimately leads to the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).

PRAYER

Spend a few minutes praying
through your reflection and
application.

WEEK 2

TUESDAY

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

Reflect on God's attributes:

Because God is all-powerful...
He can help me with anything.

Jeremiah 32:17

"O Sovereign LORD! You have made the
heavens and earth by Your great power.
Nothing is too hard for You!"

Reflection & Prayer

Spend a few minutes thinking through how
God's power affects your life and relationship
with Him. Praise God for who He is and how He
works.



WEEK 2

WEDNESDAY

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

PSALM 119

33 Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees,
that I may follow it to the end.[b]

34 Give me understanding, so that I may keep
your law
and obey it with all my heart.

35 Direct me in the path of your commands,
for there I find delight.

36 Turn my heart toward your statutes
and not toward selfish gain.

37 Turn my eyes away from worthless things;
preserve my life according to your word.[c]

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant,
so that you may be feared.

39 Take away the disgrace I dread,
for your laws are good.

40 How I long for your precepts!
In your righteousness preserve my life.

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS

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on?

COMMENTARY

God wants to have a relationship with us and to teach us how we should go about life. There are all sorts of helpful resources (books, sermons, life groups, etc.) that are very good for us, but God is the best teacher (Job 36:22). We should spend time with Him every single day. He is graciously and sacrificially willing to teach us and to walk through life with us (1 John 5:20). He's not just going to give us understanding to how things go, but will actually lead us to success (Isaiah 48:17). We should long for relationship and teaching from God just like David, and ask God to change our hearts to be inclined through His spirit to walk in the way He directs (Ezekiel 36:27). There is nothing better than relationship with God and having Him with us in our days.

PRAYER

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through your reflection and
application.



WEEK 2 THURSDAY

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REFLECTIVE & APPLICATION

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WEEK 2

FRIDAY

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

PSALM 119

41 May your unfailing love come to me, Lord,
your salvation, according to your promise;

42 then I can answer anyone who taunts me,
for I trust in your word.

43 Never take your word of truth from my
mouth,

for I have put my hope in your laws.

44 I will always obey your law,
for ever and ever.

45 I will walk about in freedom,
for I have sought out your precepts.

46 I will speak of your statutes before kings
and will not be put to shame,

47 for I delight in your commands
because I love them.

48 I reach out for your commands, which I love,
that I may meditate on your decrees.

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

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about these verse(s)?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How can I apply this verse to my
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COMMENTARY

Liberty in the Christian life is often thought of as the freedom from the bondage and burden of sin and shame, the liberty that comes from Jesus. There is also liberty in God's word, and more specifically in knowing and living out God's word (John 8:31-32). There is an empowering freedom of hope and confidence that comes from God and His teaching us to live effectively (James 1:25). We should also consider the proper order to our line of thinking through this, just like David. David recognizes the liberty and power of living by God's word, but not without first acknowledging that it is only by God's unfailing love and the salvation of Jesus that we can be in relationship with God (John 14:6).

PRAYER

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WEEK 3

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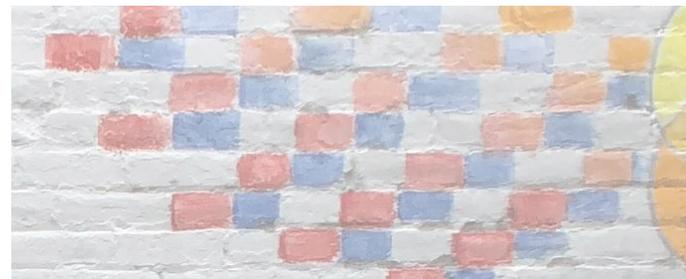
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Wednesday: Psalm 119:57-64

Thursday: "What Is God Like?" Blog post
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Friday: Psalm 119:65-72



WEEK 3

MONDAY

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

PSALM 119

- 49 Remember your word to your servant,
for you have given me hope.
- 50 My comfort in my suffering is this:
Your promise preserves my life.
- 51 The arrogant mock me unmercifully,
but I do not turn from your law.
- 52 I remember, Lord, your ancient laws,
and I find comfort in them.
- 53 Indignation grips me because of the wicked,
who have forsaken your law.
- 54 Your decrees are the theme of my song
wherever I lodge.
- 55 In the night, Lord, I remember your name,
that I may keep your law.
- 56 This has been my practice:
I obey your precepts.

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

What verse(s) caught my attention?

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about these verse(s)?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How can I apply this verse to my
life?

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spiritual success this week?

COMMENTARY

When we face sadness, difficulties, or frustration in life, we can rely on God and His word (1 Chronicles 17:23). Even though we can't always see the way out of our difficulties, we can see who God is by His word and we can rest assured in the way that God works as a reliable and powerful God who takes care of us and will provide for all of our needs (Psalm 23). God blesses those who rely on His strength (Psalm 84:5) and we should choose to walk in that strength every day (Psalm 71:16).

PRAYER

Spend a few minutes praying
through your reflection and
application.



WEEK 3

TUESDAY

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

Reflect on God's attributes:

Because God is ever-present...

He is always with me.

Psalm 139:7-12

"Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from your Presence? If I go up to the heavens, You are there; if I make my bed in the depths, You are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to You; the night will shine like day, for darkness is as light to you."

Reflection & Prayer

Spend a few minutes thinking through how God's presence affects your life and relationship with Him. Praise God for who He is and how He operates.



WEEK 3

WEDNESDAY

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

PSALM 119

57 You are my portion, Lord;

I have promised to obey your words.

58 I have sought your face with all my heart;

be gracious to me according to your promise.

59 I have considered my ways

and have turned my steps to your statutes.

60 I will hasten and not delay

to obey your commands.

61 Though the wicked bind me with ropes,

I will not forget your law.

62 At midnight I rise to give you thanks

for your righteous laws.

63 I am a friend to all who fear you,

to all who follow your precepts.

64 The earth is filled with your love, Lord;

teach me your decrees.

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

What verse(s) caught my attention?

What is my general observation about these verse(s)?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How can I apply this verse to my life?

What thoughts, perspectives, or values do I need a mid-week reset on?

COMMENTARY

Ultimate satisfaction comes from God. Some find satisfaction in TV, food, travel, "good times," or other means, but a Godly person recognizes that satisfaction is found in favor from God, not any sort of wealth or honor of this world. With that in mind, we should train to be Godly. We should have all of our ways considered (Psalm 139:24, Romans 12:2) and tested against God's word. We should rely on God's direction that leads to real success and satisfaction (Proverbs 3:5-6), and we should be quick to obey all that God commands (1 Peter 1:14, Luke 11:28).

PRAYER

Spend a few minutes praying through your reflection and application.



WEEK 3

THURSDAY

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REFLECTIVE & APPLICATION

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WEEK 3

FRIDAY

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

PSALM 119

65 Do good to your servant
according to your word, Lord.

66 Teach me knowledge and good judgment,
for I trust your commands.

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray,
but now I obey your word.

68 You are good, and what you do is good;
teach me your decrees.

69 Though the arrogant have smeared me with lies,
I keep your precepts with all my heart.

70 Their hearts are callous and unfeeling,
but I delight in your law.

71 It was good for me to be afflicted
so that I might learn your decrees.

72 The law from your mouth is more precious to
me
than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

What verse(s) caught my attention?

What is my general observation about these verse(s)?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How can I apply this verse to my life?

What can I do this weekend to grow my love for God & people?

COMMENTARY



It is easy to become lazy in our seeking God when things start to go well. When life is smooth we begin to feel at home in the world and become indulgent of fleshly desires. Our primary concern should be Godliness, even when it costs us things of this world. We should remember that all things are a loss compared to knowing Christ (Philippians 3:8-10) and thank God in times of trouble that it can bring us closer to God and push us to dependence on Him (2 Corinthians 12:9). We should be more concerned about our heart's position to God, than we are our own personal position in whatever way we desire in this world. Ultimately God is good and He does what is good, and whether by teaching in advance of our mistakes, or by discipline because of our mistakes, it is His goodness that reveals truth to us (Psalm 25:8).

PRAYER

Spend a few minutes praying through your reflection and application.

WEEK 4

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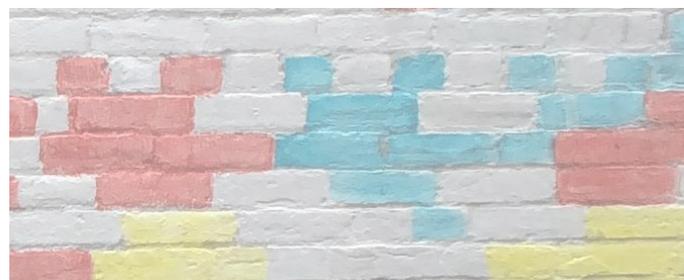
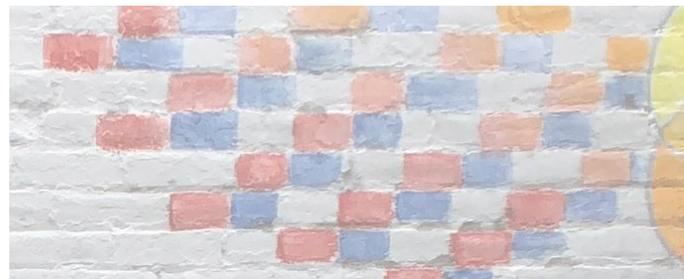
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Wednesday: Psalm 119:81-88

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Friday: Psalm 119:89-96



WEEK 4

MONDAY

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

PSALM 119

- 73 Your hands made me and formed me;
give me understanding to learn your
commands.
- 74 May those who fear you rejoice when they see
me,
for I have put my hope in your word.
- 75 I know, Lord, that your laws are righteous,
and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.
- 76 May your unfailing love be my comfort,
according to your promise to your servant.
- 77 Let your compassion come to me that I may
live,
for your law is my delight.
- 78 May the arrogant be put to shame for wronging
me without cause;
but I will meditate on your precepts.
- 79 May those who fear you turn to me,
those who understand your statutes.
- 80 May I wholeheartedly follow your decrees,
that I may not be put to shame.

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

What verse(s) caught my attention?

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about these verse(s)?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How can I apply this verse to my
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spiritual success this week?

COMMENTARY

God made each one of us carefully and with specific purpose (Ephesians 2:10). We should move through life confident of our creators intent to bring significance and purpose through our lives for His glory and honor (Colossians 1:16). Recognizing God's intent and perfection should motivate us to grow in our relationship with Him, and to develop our Godliness, becoming an effective tool for the Kingdom and example for others, not by our own abilities, but by God's mercy, kindness, and perfection made possible in our lives through Jesus.

PRAYER

Spend a few minutes praying
through your reflection and
application.

WEEK 4

TUESDAY

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

Reflect on God's attributes:

Because God knows everything...

I will go to Him with all my questions and concerns.

Daniel 2:21

"He determines the course of world events; He removes kings and sets others on the throne. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to scholars"

Reflection & Prayer

Spend a few minutes thinking through how God's knowledge should affect your life and relationship with Him. Praise God for who He is and how He works.



WEEK 4

WEDNESDAY

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

PSALM 119

81 My soul faints with longing for your salvation,
but I have put my hope in your word.

82 My eyes fail, looking for your promise;
I say, "When will you comfort me?"

83 Though I am like a wineskin in the smoke,
I do not forget your decrees.

84 How long must your servant wait?
When will you punish my persecutors?

85 The arrogant dig pits to trap me,
contrary to your law.

86 All your commands are trustworthy;
help me, for I am being persecuted without
cause.

87 They almost wiped me from the earth,
but I have not forsaken your precepts.

88 In your unfailing love preserve my life,
that I may obey the statutes of your mouth.

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

What verse(s) caught my attention?

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about these verse(s)?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How can I apply this verse to my
life?

What thoughts, perspectives, or
values do I need a mid-week reset
on?

COMMENTARY

Whatever our circumstantial conditions, we must cling to God and His word. We can joyfully acknowledge that if our faith is worth anything, it is worth everything. No matter what we face today, we know that God is trustworthy in all that He says and does. We know that God is faithful (Psalm 100:5), He is righteous (Psalm 71:19), He is just (Revelations 15:3), He is loving (Psalm 37:28), He is merciful (Psalm 23:6), He is everything that is good and He never changes (James 1:17, Numbers 23:19, Hebrews 13:8). It is by God's unfailing love that our life is preserved and that we may obey His word and experience His blessing.

PRAYER

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application.



WEEK 4 THURSDAY

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WEEK 4

FRIDAY

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

PSALM 119

89 Your word, Lord, is eternal;

it stands firm in the heavens.

90 Your faithfulness continues through all generations;

you established the earth, and it endures.

91 Your laws endure to this day,

for all things serve you.

92 If your law had not been my delight,

I would have perished in my affliction.

93 I will never forget your precepts,

for by them you have preserved my life.

94 Save me, for I am yours;

I have sought out your precepts.

95 The wicked are waiting to destroy me,

but I will ponder your statutes.

96 To all perfection I see a limit,

but your commands are boundless.

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How can I apply this verse to my life?

What can I do this weekend to grow my love for God & people?

COMMENTARY

God's word is settled and perfect. What is true according to God has not and will not ever change. And so His goodness and loving kindness also never changes (Psalm 119:76). In the midst of David's turmoil he continues to recognize God's goodness to him, admiring God for remaining close to him amidst his frustrations. It is in the experiences of life, drawing close to God, that we learn to consistently be maintained and strengthened, excited and comforted by God's word (Psalm 86:17, Joshua 1:8-10).

PRAYER

Spend a few minutes praying through your reflection and application.



WEEK 5

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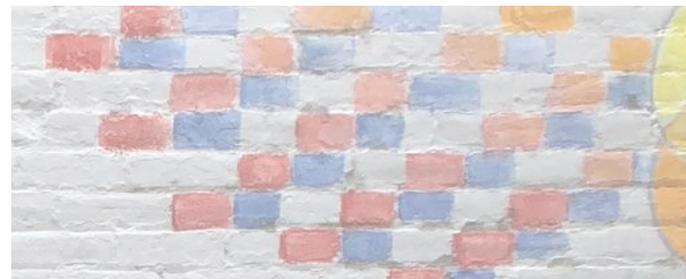
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Tuesday: Reflect on God's Attributes

Wednesday: Psalm 119:105-112

Thursday: "What Is God Like?" Blog post
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Friday: Psalm 119:113-120



WEEK 5

MONDAY

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

PSALM 119

97 Oh, how I love your law!

I meditate on it all day long.

98 Your commands are always with me
and make me wiser than my enemies.

99 I have more insight than all my teachers,
for I meditate on your statutes.

100 I have more understanding than the elders,
for I obey your precepts.

101 I have kept my feet from every evil path
so that I might obey your word.

102 I have not departed from your laws,
for you yourself have taught me.

103 How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

104 I gain understanding from your precepts;
therefore I hate every wrong path.

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

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about these verse(s)?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

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life?

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COMMENTARY

What we love, we love to think about and talk about. Our identity even becomes shaped around the things that we love (Proverbs 4:23). Our life ultimately reflects our heart (Proverbs 27:19).

David's reflections show his love for God's word. He knows that it is worth thinking about, talking about, and 'being about.' Spending time with God and learning from His word isn't something David does, it's who he is. God wants us to discover Him and know His truth deeply (Jeremiah 29:13), and by relying on God's word we will become successful as we move through life (Proverbs 3:5-6). David clearly sees this and that is why he so earnestly longs for relationship and communion with God.



PRAYER

Spend a few minutes praying
through your reflection and
application.

WEEK 5

TUESDAY

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

Reflect on God's attributes:

Because God is sovereign...
I will joyfully submit to His will.

Daniel 4:35

"All the people of the earth are nothing compared to Him. He has the power to do as He pleases among the angels of heaven and with those who live on earth. No one can stop Him or challenge Him, saying, 'what do You mean by doing these things?'"

Reflection & Prayer

Spend a few minutes thinking through how God's sovereignty and will affects your life and relationship with Him. Praise God for who He is and that He has everything under control.



WEEK 5

WEDNESDAY

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

PSALM 119

105 Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.

106 I have taken an oath and confirmed it,
that I will follow your righteous laws.

107 I have suffered much;
preserve my life, Lord, according to your word.

108 Accept, Lord, the willing praise of my mouth,
and teach me your laws.

109 Though I constantly take my life in my
hands,
I will not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a snare for me,
but I have not strayed from your precepts.

111 Your statutes are my heritage forever;
they are the joy of my heart.

112 My heart is set on keeping your decrees
to the very end.[]

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

What verse(s) caught my attention?

What is my general observation
about these verse(s)?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How can I apply this verse to my
life?

What thoughts, perspectives, or
values do I need a mid-week reset
on?

COMMENTARY

God's word is beyond good ideas. Yes, it gives us good ideas, but when we seek God and His word earnestly it will actually illuminate the pathways of our life (Proverbs 6:23). Not only does it show us the path, but it shows us how to navigate the path effectively; it trains us to be Godly and toward Godly productivity in life (2 Timothy 3:16-17). This is just another sign of God's goodness and graciousness to us that He would have amazing things prepared for our lives (Ephesians 2:10) and would give us the necessary instruction to experience those amazing things the way He intends.

PRAYER

Spend a few minutes praying
through your reflection and
application.



WEEK 5 THURSDAY

GETTING
TO KNOW
GOD

Read the "What Is God Like?"
series blog post for 11/29/18
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REFLECTIVE & APPLICATION

Please use the reflection and
application questions found at the
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WEEK 5

FRIDAY

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

PSALM 119

113 I hate double-minded people,
but I love your law.

114 You are my refuge and my shield;
I have put my hope in your word.

115 Away from me, you evildoers,
that I may keep the commands of my God!

116 Sustain me, my God, according to your
promise, and I will live;
do not let my hopes be dashed.

117 Uphold me, and I will be delivered;
I will always have regard for your decrees.

118 You reject all who stray from your decrees,
for their delusions come to nothing.

119 All the wicked of the earth you discard like
dross;
therefore I love your statutes.

120 My flesh trembles in fear of you;
I stand in awe of your laws.

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

What verse(s) caught my attention?

What is my general observation
about these verse(s)?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How can I apply this verse to my
life?

What can I do this weekend to
grow my love for God & people?



COMMENTARY

“I will keep the commandments of my God” should be emphatic in our hearts; a firm and fixed resolution of who we are in Christ. It is by God’s grace that we are sustained, and we should pray just as David prayed to be upheld by God. Walking in the ways of God results in blessing (Psalm 119:1) and protection (Psalm 119:119-120). This resolution should result in praise of God and a receptive and joyful heart to His teaching (Psalm 19:8, Matthew 13:20).

PRAYER

Spend a few minutes praying
through your reflection and
application.

WEEK 6

GETTING
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GOD

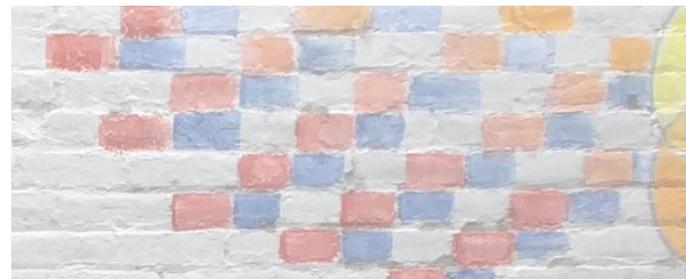
Monday: Psalm 119:121-128

Tuesday: Reflect on God's Attributes

Wednesday: Psalm 119:129-136

Thursday: "What Is God Like?" Blog post
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Friday: Psalm 119:137-144



WEEK 6

MONDAY

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

PSALM 119

121 I have done what is righteous and just;
do not leave me to my oppressors.

122 Ensure your servant's well-being;
do not let the arrogant oppress me.

123 My eyes fail, looking for your salvation,
looking for your righteous promise.

124 Deal with your servant according to your love
and teach me your decrees.

125 I am your servant; give me discernment
that I may understand your statutes.

126 It is time for you to act, Lord;
your law is being broken.

127 Because I love your commands
more than gold, more than pure gold,

128 and because I consider all your precepts
right,

I hate every wrong path.

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

What verse(s) caught my attention?

What is my general observation
about these verse(s)?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How can I apply this verse to my
life?

What can I do to set myself up for
spiritual success this week?

COMMENTARY

It's okay to wrestle with God. Not because we should doubt God, but because God takes genuine interest and concern to our every need and action. God knows us better than anyone, He created us (Psalm 139:13). God wants us in relationship with Him forever (John 3:16-17), He wants to help us understand how He works (Psalm 119:73), and by that understanding He wants amazing things in our lives for His glory (2 Peter 1:3-8). As we wrestle and are completely open with God, that should result in a heart of admiration and obedience to God's word as it comforts and guides us.

PRAYER

Spend a few minutes praying
through your reflection and
application.



WEEK 6

TUESDAY

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

Reflect on God's attributes:

Because God is holy...

I will devote myself to Him in purity, worship, and service

1 Peter 1:14-16

"So obey God because you are His children. Don't slip back into your old ways of doing evil; you didn't know any better then. But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God - who chose you to be His children - is holy. For He Himself has said, "you must be holy because I am holy"

Reflection & Prayer

Spend a few minutes thinking through how God's holiness affects your life, relationship, and reverence of/with Him. Praise God for who He is and how He works.



WEEK 6

WEDNESDAY

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

PSALM 119

- 129 Your statutes are wonderful;
therefore I obey them.
- 130 The unfolding of your words gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.
- 131 I open my mouth and pant,
longing for your commands.
- 132 Turn to me and have mercy on me,
as you always do to those who love your name.
- 133 Direct my footsteps according to your word;
let no sin rule over me.
- 134 Redeem me from human oppression,
that I may obey your precepts.
- 135 Make your face shine on your servant
and teach me your decrees.
- 136 Streams of tears flow from my eyes,
for your law is not obeyed.

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

What verse(s) caught my attention?

What is my general observation about these verse(s)?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How can I apply this verse to my life?

What thoughts, perspectives, or values do I need a mid-week reset on?



COMMENTARY

The word of God gives us admirable discoveries of God, and Christ; proofs of divine love and grace. It affects our attitudes and behavior, and propels us to satisfaction amidst anything we face in life (Psalm 119:30). God's goodness is so evident to David, even amidst his trials, that he asks not for God to work in some certain way, but just for His presence (Psalm 119:35). The power to advance in life is given to us in relationship with God, through Jesus, and by the guidance and power of His word (Romans 6:14).

PRAYER

Spend a few minutes praying through your reflection and application.

WEEK 6 THURSDAY

GETTING
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GOD

Read the "What Is God Like?" series blog post for 12/6/18
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REFLECTIVE & APPLICATION

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WEEK 6

FRIDAY

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

PSALM 119

137 You are righteous, Lord,
and your laws are right.

138 The statutes you have laid down are
righteous;
they are fully trustworthy.

139 My zeal wears me out,
for my enemies ignore your words.

140 Your promises have been thoroughly tested,
and your servant loves them.

141 Though I am lowly and despised,
I do not forget your precepts.

142 Your righteousness is everlasting
and your law is true.

143 Trouble and distress have come upon me,
but your commands give me delight.

144 Your statutes are always righteous;
give me understanding that I may live.

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

What verse(s) caught my attention?

What is my general observation
about these verse(s)?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How can I apply this verse to my
life?

What can I do this weekend to
grow my love for God & people?



COMMENTARY

Even our deepest trouble or anguish cannot deprive us of the comfort and nourishment that comes from God (2 Corinthians 1:4-5). Our God is the God of all comfort and can use all things as a driving force for us to experience His comfort. That is why David could relish the peace and pleasure of God's word, not after his trouble went away, but in the midst of his troubles. In the midst of our troubles we are able to experience a powerful and fruitful refreshment from God (John 4:14).



PRAYER

Spend a few minutes praying
through your reflection and
application.

WEEK 7

GETTING
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GOD

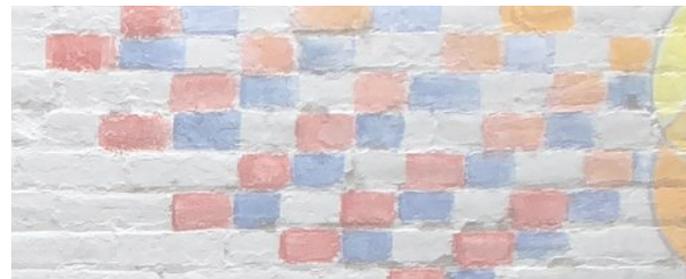
Monday: Psalm 119:145-152

Tuesday: Reflect on God's Attributes

Wednesday: Psalm 119:153-160

Thursday: "What Is God Like?" Blog post
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Friday: Psalm 119:161-168



WEEK 7

MONDAY

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

PSALM 119

145 I call with all my heart; answer me, Lord,
and I will obey your decrees.

146 I call out to you; save me
and I will keep your statutes.

147 I rise before dawn and cry for help;
I have put my hope in your word.

148 My eyes stay open through the watches of
the night,
that I may meditate on your promises.

149 Hear my voice in accordance with your love;
preserve my life, Lord, according to your laws.

150 Those who devise wicked schemes are near,
but they are far from your law.

151 Yet you are near, Lord,
and all your commands are true.

152 Long ago I learned from your statutes
that you established them to last forever.

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

What verse(s) caught my attention?

What is my general observation
about these verse(s)?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How can I apply this verse to my
life?

What can I do to set myself up for
spiritual success this week?



COMMENTARY

David shows us such a great example of practicing Godliness, of straining towards the goal. His examples are: seek God, knowing that He will answer (Jeremiah 33:3). Be deliberate about spending time with God, just like Jesus (Mark 1:35). Be on guard and spiritually alert (1 Peter 5:8). Talk with God, knowing that He will hear you (Psalm 66:19). And hold tightly to God and His commands (1 Timothy 6:12, Joshua 23:8).



PRAYER

Spend a few minutes praying
through your reflection and
application.

WEEK 7

TUESDAY

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

Reflect on God's attributes:

Because God is absolute truth...

I will believe what He says and live accordingly.

John 8:31-32

"You are truly My disciples if you keep obeying My teachings. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Reflection & Prayer

Spend a few minutes thinking through how God's absolute truth affects your life and how you should obey Him. Praise God for who He is and how He guides us.



WEEK 7

WEDNESDAY

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

PSALM 119

- 153 Look on my suffering and deliver me,
for I have not forgotten your law.
- 154 Defend my cause and redeem me;
preserve my life according to your promise.
- 155 Salvation is far from the wicked,
for they do not seek out your decrees.
- 156 Your compassion, Lord, is great;
preserve my life according to your laws.
- 157 Many are the foes who persecute me,
but I have not turned from your statutes.
- 158 I look on the faithless with loathing,
for they do not obey your word.
- 159 See how I love your precepts;
preserve my life, Lord, in accordance with
your love.
- 160 All your words are true;
all your righteous laws are eternal.

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

What verse(s) caught my attention?

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about these verse(s)?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How can I apply this verse to my
life?

What thoughts, perspectives, or
values do I need a mid-week reset
on?

COMMENTARY

God's goodness, which is to His glory, brings joy to our lives through communion with Him. We are miserable as we walk against God (Psalm 38:1-8), but by God's grace we can experience discipline (Hebrews 12:6) that brings us back into a right relationship with Him (Hebrews 12:9). It is never personal victory over sin, but Christ's victory over sin, by God's mercy, that we can experience freedom from the bondage and burden of our past, launching us forward into a fullness of life that God intends for us (John 10:10).

PRAYER

Spend a few minutes praying
through your reflection and
application.



WEEK 7 THURSDAY

GETTING
TO KNOW
GOD

Read the "What Is God Like?" series blog post for 12/13/18
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REFLECTIVE & APPLICATION

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WEEK 7

FRIDAY

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

PSALM 119

161 Rulers persecute me without cause,
but my heart trembles at your word.

162 I rejoice in your promise
like one who finds great spoil.

163 I hate and detest falsehood
but I love your law.

164 Seven times a day I praise you
for your righteous laws.

165 Great peace have those who love your law,
and nothing can make them stumble.

166 I wait for your salvation, Lord,
and I follow your commands.

167 I obey your statutes,
for I love them greatly.

168 I obey your precepts and your statutes,
for all my ways are known to you.

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

What verse(s) caught my attention?

What is my general observation about these verse(s)?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How can I apply this verse to my life?

What can I do this weekend to grow my love for God & people?



COMMENTARY

We should praise God and rejoice in His word throughout our days (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). Through many ups and downs in life, David is resolute in praising God (Psalm 119:164-168). Notice that David isn't saying we should praise God and rejoice in His word once a week, or even every day, but multiple times throughout each day. David knows that peace and satisfaction comes from God's word, that God is peace, and by God we experience peace (Isaiah 32:17). God is never changing and so the goodness that comes from Him never changes (James 1:17). That is reason to praise God and rejoice in His word through our days!



PRAYER

Spend a few minutes praying through your reflection and application.

WEEK 8

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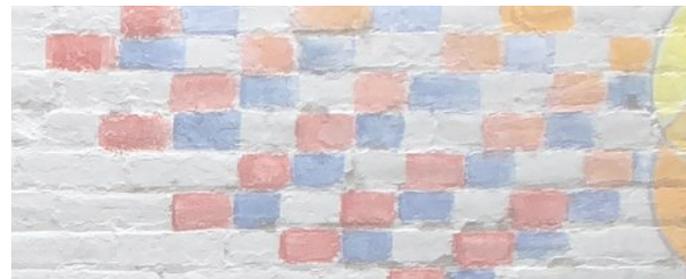
Monday: Psalm 119:169-176

Tuesday: Reflect on God's Attributes

Wednesday: "What Is God Like?" Blog post on chicocommunity.church/blog

Thursday: "What Is God Like?" Blog post on chicocommunity.church/blog

Friday: Devotional Review



WEEK 8

MONDAY

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

PSALM 119

169 May my cry come before you, Lord;
give me understanding according to your word.

170 May my supplication come before you;
deliver me according to your promise.

171 May my lips overflow with praise,
for you teach me your decrees.

172 May my tongue sing of your word,
for all your commands are righteous.

173 May your hand be ready to help me,
for I have chosen your precepts.

174 I long for your salvation, Lord,
and your law gives me delight.

175 Let me live that I may praise you,
and may your laws sustain me.

176 I have strayed like a lost sheep.
Seek your servant,
for I have not forgotten your commands.

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

What verse(s) caught my attention?

What is my general observation about these verse(s)?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How can I apply this verse to my life?

What can I do to set myself up for spiritual success this week?

COMMENTARY

“Let my life be prolonged, that I may live to thy glory” says David as he’s nearing the end. What a selfless prayer. David has gone through so much, and he knows there would be no better place to be than with God in Heaven, but he is still wanting to make an impact (Notice Paul’s similar reflection in Philippians 1:19-26). That should be one of our many prayers throughout each day, that God would sustain us in order that we can advance His Kingdom; that we could help others to experience the peace and blessing of living a life in relationship with our creator (2 Corinthians 1:4). And all by God’s grace that He would overcome our depravity of life apart from Him and use us to accomplish His purposes (Ephesians 5:8, John 3:16-17, John 3:33-35).

PRAYER

Spend a few minutes praying through your reflection and application.



WEEK 8

TUESDAY

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

Reflect on God's attributes:

Because God is righteous...

I will live by His standards

Ephesians 4:22-24

"Throw off your old evil nature and your former way of life, which is rotten through and through, full of lust and deception. Instead, there must be a spiritual renewal of your thoughts and attitudes. You must display a new nature because you are a new person, created in God's likeness—righteous, holy, and true."

Reflection & Prayer

Spend a few minutes thinking through the righteousness of God and how that affects your life and relationship with Him. Praise God for who He is and how He works.



WEEK 8

WEDNESDAY

GETTING
TO KNOW
GOD

Read the "What Is God Like?" series blog post for 12/19/18
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REFLECTIVE & APPLICATION

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WEEK 8 THURSDAY

GETTING
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REFLECTIVE & APPLICATION

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WEEK 8

FRIDAY

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

What are my top 2 or 3 takeaways from Psalm 119?

What is something I discovered or rediscovered about God's character during this devotional series?

How can I continue to build momentum in my relationship with God and reading His word?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

What patterns in my life should be adjusted to match my observations from Psalm 119?

What do I need to start doing right now to grow deeper with God?

PRAYER

Spend a few minutes praising God for who He is, how He works, and what He has done in your life over the last 8 weeks. Ask God to continue working in your heart to bring you closer to Him.





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