

LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Psalms Series

These questions are for the **March 19, 2023**, sermon, "A Lamp to my Feet, Part 1." Please read the sermon passage (Psalm 119:97-104) together out loud.

Passage Outline

AS WE CONSIDER THE IMPORTANCE OF GOD'S WORD, NOTE . . .

1. The meditation being described. (97)
 - a. I love your law.
 - i. I may be in exile, but no affliction can keep God's Word from me.
 - ii. "Law" indicates at least, "Torah": first 5 books of the OT.
 - b. We train our minds to know / love God through meditating on his word "all the day."
2. The comparisons being made. (98-100)
 - a. Wiser than my enemies (satisfied with "skillful living" skills from God).
 - b. More understanding than teachers (formal education).
 - c. More understanding than the aged (insights gained along the way).
 - d. The big key: keep God's precepts. To know and observe / obey. (100)
3. The discipline being established. (101-102)
 - a. Knowing and loving God's law restrains / informs all my choices.
 - b. The lessons have changed me! You have "taught" me and I will not turn away.
4. The joy being expressed. (103-104)
 - a. The Word of God is my delight!
 - b. I am so very happy to submit to God's Word!

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Describe some of your disciplines which aid in "meditating" on the law "all the day."
2. Based on #2, above: How has God used his Word to actually guide your life? (Reflect on this: where have "enemies" and your "teachers" who did not commit to God's Word failed or faded?) Have you recently stopped to thank God for his Word and grace toward you?
3. Based on #3, above: What burning passions, hobbies or tendencies from your youth have completely disappeared because of God's Word and Law? How has God "led you not into temptation" through the power of his Word changing you?
4. Based on #4, above: Is the Word of God, and meditating on the Word, and memorizing it a "delight" to you? Is it sweet to you (you taste it, eat it and want more)? How has "loving" the Word (97) created a corresponding "hatred" of the old, false ways (104) in your life?