On My Heart

Psalm 119

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Psalm 119:9-16 – How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. 10 With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!

11 I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. 12 Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes! 13 With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth.

14 In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches. 15 I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. 16 I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word. Gimel

<u>STARVING</u> your <u>SOUL</u> of <u>GOD'S</u> <u>WORD</u> for long periods <u>QUENCHES</u> what the <u>SPIRIT</u> would do.

What does <u>OBEDIENCE</u> to <u>JESUS</u> in Bible reading look like?

Resetting: To stop, reflect, prioritize, renew expectations, and commit or recommit to greater obedience to Jesus Christ.

What is your purpose in reading God's word?

Bad Motivation for Reading the Word:

We are <u>SUPPOSED</u> to.

We gain **KNOWLEDGE** but not **APPLICATION**.

PROOF-TEXTING

Good Motivation for Reading the Word:

HEARING from and **KNOWING** God.

To be <u>TRANSFORMED</u>.

Having Scripture written ON our <u>HEARTS</u>.

<u>SCRIPTURE</u> provides a <u>WEAPON</u> to <u>FIGHT</u> the <u>ENEMY</u> and a <u>TOOL</u> to help a <u>NEIGHBOR</u>.

Small Group Questions

How does Scripture help a believer grow?

Name some reasons why Bible reading becomes difficult or cumbersome.

How can a person overcome a faulty view of Bible reading?

Share what obedience in this area looks like for YOU.

What happens when believers use Scripture as a weapon against their neighbors? How can we avoid this?