

The Heart and Art of Studying God's Word

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Big Idea: A follower of Jesus Christ studies His Word and accepts His Truth with Eagerness.



Thessalonica - Acts 17:1-9

- How was the message and truth of God's Word received by the Thessalonian Jews?
- What did they do in response?

Berea - Acts 17:9-15

- How was the message and truth of God's Word received by the Berean Jews?
- What did they do in response?

Check Your Heart:

- Poor heart posture makes us susceptible to _____.
- A strong heart posture makes us _____ to learn the truth of God's Word.

Study God's Word with:

- _____
- _____
- _____

Truth into Action:

- Check your heart posture as you receive a message on Biblical Truth.
- Study God's Word with Intentionality, Priority, and Confidence.

Pray first



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

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This week's table talk will focus on the importance of God's Word through Psalm 119.

Fun Fact: Notice the Hebrew letter at the top of each set of verses? Psalm 119 is arranged Acrostically (Alphabetically with the Hebrew Alphabet).

Read 119:1-8 (Aleph)

- Who are Blessed?
- From this text, why is it important to keep God's commands?

Read 119:9-16 (Beth)

- How can one keep his way pure?
- What would I demonstrate as a result of living according to God's Word?

Read 119:33-40 (He)

- What does the Psalmist request through prayer?

Read 119:49:56 (Zain)

- Name all of the ways God's Word is described in these verses?

Read 119:97-104 (Mem)

- What 2 things does God's Word provide through commitment to God's Word?

Read the following verses together:

- **Walking in God's Ways**
"Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord." – Psalm 119:1
- **The Word as a Source of Strength**
"My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to your word." – Psalm 119:28
- **The Word as Light and Guidance**
"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." – Psalm 119:105
- **God's Word Brings Freedom**
"I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts." – Psalm 119:45
- **The Word Brings Peace and Hope**
"Great peace have those who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble." – Psalm 119:165

Discuss how God's Word has impacted your life?

How has studying God's Word helped you to understand who God is and who man is?

Psalm 119 stands as a testament to the deep reverence one can have for God's commandments and the impact they can have on daily life. The Psalm underscores how the Word of God can bring joy, peace, and endurance during trials, and the importance of a steadfast faith.