<u>COMMUNITY THROUGH GOD'S WORD</u> Psalm 19:7-10 (ESV)

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; ⁸the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; ⁹the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

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1. God's Word is <u>PERFECT</u> and guides us into community with God.

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Perfect – It is complete. Sure – It is trustworthy and reliable. Right – It is upright. It is flawless and faultless. Pure – It shines and enlightens. Clean – It has no impurities. True – It is firm, steady, and cannot be altered or overturned. Righteous Altogether – It is in perfect conformity to God and His will.

2. Community with God, through His Word, provides everything that our <u>SOUL</u> needs.

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Psalm 97:7-9 (ESV)
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But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:14-17 (ESV)

3. The <u>JOY</u> that comes with having community with God is dependent upon the <u>JOY</u> we have in reading, believing, and obeying God's Word.

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Psalm 19:10 (ESV)

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.²³For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. James 1:22-25 (ESV)