

## Discussion Guide (July 9, 2023)

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Message: *The Word of God* (series: *Wise Up!*)

### PRIMARY PASSAGE: Psalms 119:97-104 (ESV)

*Oh how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for Your testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the aged, for I keep Your precepts. I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep Your word. I do not turn aside from Your rules, for You have taught me. How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through Your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.*

### MESSAGE HIGHLIGHT

The word of God is perhaps the most important physical instrument that God uses today to equip and build us up in our walk with Him. It is not an optional element in our lives as Christians, but a necessary one if we are going to grow spiritually and have a wise and flourishing life here on earth.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What specific things were stated in the sermon as reasons why the word of God is necessary for a wise and flourishing life?
2. Which of those six things resonates with you the most, and why?
3. What exactly makes God's word dependable (see verse 89) and what does that say about other sources of our knowledge?
4. Based on the sermon, how would you rate your knowledge of God's word for purposes of living a spiritually wise and flourishing life?
5. What steps are you hoping to take (or are already taking) to improve your understanding of God's word for a truly wise and flourishing life?

***Lord God, please create in me a deep thirst and hunger for Your word. Give me both the desire and the discipline to be intentional and diligent in spending time in Your word. Let Your word saturate my life and make me gain Your kind of wisdom for life. Amen!***