

Sermon Notes:

“Growing in Christ by Walking in God’s Word”

Psalm 119:161-176

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Growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ is founded upon knowing and believing in God through Jesus. Personal Bible Study and fellowship in the Word in a truly biblical church is foundational to spiritual growth. Without this foundation, we will not grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ nor bear the fruit of His character.

A. Right Attitudes Prepare Us to Read the Bible so We Grow in Christ (161-168)

1. Love (161 - 163)

2. Security: Hebrew refers to a peaceful well-being (165)

3. Commitment (166-167)

B. Prayers for God to Grow Us as We Read the Bible (169 - 176)

1. Teach me! (169 -171)

2. Rescue me! (170, 173-175)

3. Shepherd me! (176)

Personal or Small Group Questions

1. In what ways does vv. 161-164, and 167, express his love for God's Word, and how can we develop a similar love? How does this help you grow in your love for God's Word and to express that love at your school or work?

2. When you feel lost or overwhelmed or need life direction as a family, how can you incorporate reading and discussing the Bible regularly into your family life to learn together how not to stumble through life? (v. 165)

3. Why is it important to not only know God's Word but also take them to heart? What are some practical ways you can grow in your understanding of the Bible and strive to live by its teachings and put God's Word in your heart and mind? (vv. 166-167)

4. Why is it important for our prayers to align with God's will as we learn in the Bible? How has praying God's Word help you grow in your faith and relationship with Him? (vv. 169-176)

5. In what ways does God's Word shepherd your life? How have you experienced God's direction through Scripture? Are there any areas in your life where you need to seek God's guidance right now?
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