

# AN INVITATION TO MEMORIZE GOD'S WORD... AND LIVE

## PSALM 119

### CHURCH GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE – MAY 4, 2025

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#### SCRIPTURE READING

*Pslam 119*

*(Please reference Psalm 119 in your Bible.)*

#### ICE BREAKER QUESTION

Look honestly and deeply into your heart. What is at the innermost root of the challenges in your heart, the cause of many (if not most) of your personal struggles? What questions or doubts about the LORD does this root encumbrance reflect?

#### SERMON RECAP

Memorizing and meditating on God's Word (to the extent that you are mentally able to do so) is critical for walking with Jesus. Why?

1. It will bring you true, lasting happiness. (Ps 119:1-2; cf. 1:1-2)
2. It will help you experience freedom from and victory over sin. (Ps 119:9, 11, 61, 110, 133)
3. It will crucify your pride. (Ps 119:21)
4. It will cultivate your humility. (Ps 119:12, 26; cf. Is 66:1-2)
5. It will lead you in good ways. (Ps 119:35, 129)
6. It will keep you from evil ways. (Ps 119:29, 104, 128)
7. It will make you richer than the wealthiest person in the world. (Ps 119:14, 72, 127)
8. It will satisfy you more than the finest meal in the world. (Ps 119:103)
9. It will open your eyes to wonderful things. (Ps 119:18)
10. It will thrill you with endless treasure. (Ps 119:162)
11. It will fill you with what will never fail you. (Ps 119:140)
12. It will help you understand God's ways. (Ps 119:27, 34, 73, 125, 130)
13. It will help you trust God's plans. (Ps 119:67-68)
14. It will guide you amidst challenges in this world. (Ps 119:19, 173)
15. It will transform your trials for good. (Ps 119:67, 75)
16. It will strengthen you in sorrow. (Ps 119:28)
17. It will sustain you in struggles. (Ps 119:92)
18. It will counsel you when you're confused. (Ps 119:24)
19. It will comfort you when you're afflicted. (Ps 119:50, 52, 76, 143)
20. It will quiet you when you're anxious. (Ps 119:143)
21. It will keep you from being ashamed. (Ps 119:6, 31, 46, 80, 116)
22. It will guard you from living for selfish gain. (Ps 119:36)
23. It will free you from looking at and living for endless triviality in this world. (Ps 119:37)
24. It will give you perspective on power in this world. (Ps 119:23, 46, 161)
25. It will build and embolden your faith. (Ps 119:42)
26. It will equip you to encourage others. (Ps 119:13, 79)
27. It will lead you to continual worship of God. (Ps 119:48, 62, 120, 164, 171-172)
28. It will show you the sufficiency of God. (Ps 119:57)

29. It will fill you with hope in God. (Ps 119:43, 49, 81, 114, 116, 147)
30. It will fuel your prayer life. (Ps 119:58, 169)
31. It will deepen your friendships. (Ps 119:63, 74)
32. It will calm you amidst attacks against you. (Ps 119:69, 78, 95, 150-151, 157)
33. It will unite you with generations before you. (Ps 119:90)
34. It will remind you of God's faithfulness to you. (Ps 119:90, 140)
35. It will save you from sin and death. (Ps 119:94, 118-119, 170)
36. It will provide you true safety and security (Ps 119:114, 117, 165)
37. It will make you wiser than your enemies. (Ps 119:98)
38. It will make you more knowledgeable than your teachers. (Ps 119:99-100)
39. It will be light for your steps. (Ps 119:105)
40. It will be life for your soul. (Ps 119:93, 107, 156)
41. It will cause you to love what God loves. (Ps 119:136)
42. It will cause you to hate what God hates. (Ps 119:128, 163)
43. It will rescue you from wandering. (Ps 119:176)
44. It will remind you that God is with you. (Ps 119:121, 151)
45. It will draw you to God's love for you. (Ps 119:41, 124)
46. It will captivate you with love for God and His Word. (Ps 119:97, 167)
47. It will create in you a longing for God and His Word. (Ps 119:131, 174)
48. It will help you endure to the end. (Ps 119:33, 44-45, 87, 112)
49. It will prepare you to stand before God on that day. (Ps 119:89, 168; cf. Is 40:7)
50. It will enable you to walk with God on this day. (Ps 119:55, 147-148)
51. ... and infinitely more!

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### ***Observation: What does the passage say?***

1. Read Psalm 119 aloud as a group. What is the main theme of this psalm? (cf. Ps 119:1-2)
2. How would you explain or summarize today's passage in your own words?

### ***Interpretation: What does the passage mean?***

1. What is the fundamental aim of this psalm? What summary invitation does it hold out to the one who hears it?
2. What stands out to you most as you read and consider today's passage?

### ***Application: How can we apply this passage to our lives?***

1. Read and reflect on Psalm 119:1, 9, 11, 17, 25, 33, 41, 49, 57, 65, 73, 81, 89, 98, 105, 114, 125, 129, 137-138, 145, 153, 162, and 169-170. Why is memorizing and meditating on the LORD's Word essential to and precious for your heart, life, and relationship with the LORD?
2. Review the list of reasons given above (ref. "Sermon Recap") for memorizing and meditating on the LORD's Word. Which of those reasons responds to your heart's most deeply-rooted challenges? Which ones directly respond to your most deep-seated questions or doubts about the LORD?
3. Starting this week, how might you regularly store up the LORD's Word in your heart? Maybe begin by (a) spending one hour focusing on His Word and then reflecting on that Word throughout the remainder of the week, (b) memorizing and meditating on one verse per day or week, and/or (c) memorizing and meditating on those verses in Psalm 119 that speak directly to your personal heart-level challenges, doubts, and disturbances?
4. Are you currently memorizing God's Word? What challenging, yet attainable, goal might you set for memorizing God's Word over the next four months? Who might you share this goal with so that they can pray for you and encourage you along the way?

## LEADER NOTES

**BAPTISM SUNDAY** | Baptism is an outward, symbolic and public way of sharing your response to the gospel message. It is symbolic of your identification with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, by saying publicly that you have forsaken your old way of living and that you embrace your new life in Christ. Sunday, May 18 will be Baptism Sunday across all MBC locations. Please go to [mcleanbible.org/baptism](https://mcleanbible.org/baptism) for more information.