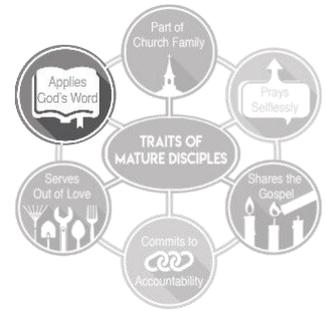


LIFE GROUP SESSION: BY THE BOOK (session two)



MESSAGE SUMMARY

Psalm 119; Luke 24

God's Word is abiding and living, it speaks to us and becomes our 'manual'; it guides us! The question is, do we listen, do we obey, do we apply it?

Some of the ways the Psalm 119 (which is all about the Word) says how the Word guides us:

- Psalm 119:1-2 – The Word guides us to blessing.
- Psalm 119:9-10 – The Word guides us to purity.
- Psalm 119:41-42 – The Word guides us to His love & salvation
- Psalm 119:65-66 – The Word guides us to justice & good judgment.
- Psalm 119:89-90 – we are reminded, right in the middle, that the Word is enduring, stands fast and has stood the test of time.
- Psalm 119:105 – The Word guides our path, lights the way (cf. Psalm 119:129-130).
- Psalm 119:161 – The Word guides us to courage
- Psalm 119:169 – The Word guides us in understanding.

Ultimately, the Word guides us to Jesus, who is the very embodiment of the Word (see John 1). In Luke 24, Jesus himself shows his disciples how the Old Testament points to Him (ie. see the movement from Genesis 3:15, to Isaiah 53, to John 1:29)

DISCUSSION

ICE BREAKER: Think back over this year of sermons and Life Group sessions. How have you matured and grown as a disciple? *Leaders - if any testimonies in particular stand out, please note them in the devanto reports; we would love to hear them!*

READ: Psalm 119

- Have everyone read some of Psalm 119 (*it's long, so either assign sections or have people skim through it*). Using what people read, as well as some of the references above: **how does God's Word guide us? What does this look like practically?**
- **Do we let God's Word guide us? Do we turn to it regularly? Do we believe it is a wise way to live and comes from 'the only wise God' (Romans 16:27)? Why, or why not?**
- Proverbs 1:7 & 9:10 say that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom". **What does a healthy and biblical 'fear of the Lord' look like, and how do we grow in it?**
When we 'fear the Lord', we find the path to wisdom and will actually listen to the Word and let it guide us.

READ: Luke 24:27, 44-48

- Andrew gave us one example of how the Old Testament points us to Jesus. **What other examples are there? What stories, prophecies and laws point us to Jesus?**
Also think of the New Testament writers, who pick up on many examples.

READ: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

- God promises to complete the work He started. So whether you felt you've grown or not, we continue to trust His promises (see also Philippians 1:6). **Are they any other promises of God that you feel like you need to hold onto or that have encouraged you recently?**

PRAY: Pray that God would continue to grow us and sanctify us, that we can trust in Him, and that we will continue to rely on His Word to guide us.