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Psalm 119:9-16

Ready! Aim! Grow!: Pursuing the right goals when reading God's Word

Scripture Memory

“And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.”

– 1 Peter 5:10

Application Questions

Community Groups meet throughout the week and play a crucial role in our response to the preaching of the word. These groups gather to discuss the following questions as we seek to apply the sermon in community with one another. Please visit compassntx.org to join a small group near you.

1. Read **Psalm 119:9-11**. What other reasons do you read the Bible besides to know God more deeply? While some of those may be good and even appropriate motivations, why is it important that they don't become the primary motivation?

2. Read **Psalm 119:12-13**. What is required for a student to learn from a teacher (mindset, resources, tools, environment, etc.)? As you consider your current approach to your quiet time, how could you incorporate some or more of these things into your time in the Word? How does coming with the goal of learning from God as your teacher slow you down and guard against rushing through your time with Him?

3. Read **Psalm 119:14-16**. What did Pastor PJ mean when he said the Bible is an acquired taste, and how does that relate to the final point about delighting in the Word? When you truly delight in something, how do you express that to others? If that's not where you are with your quiet time, what can you do to change that while bearing in mind that an acquired taste takes time to acquire?

4. How has your week been with the QT challenge? What have you found that's been rewarding? What has been a challenge? Are there any changes to your routine that you want to make this week?

Recommended Reading

- *Desiring God* - John Piper
- *Knowing God* - J.I. Packer
- *Help for the Hungry Soul* - Kristen Wetherell