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Psalm 119:33-40

Before You Read: How to guarantee more from your time in the Word

Scripture Memory

“Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain! Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways.”

– Psalm 119:36-37

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 119:33-35, Eph 1:17-18, Eph 3:16-19, Philippians 1:9-10, Col 1:9**. What is a word that shows up in all of Paul’s prayers that you just read? If you had a Christian and a non-Christian read the same passage of Scripture, what difference should you expect in the Christian’s response? What does it say about the Holy Spirit when we approach the Bible with boredom or low expectations? What prayers might be helpful when you know you will be reading a passage where you are tempted to think that way?

2. Read **Psalm 119:36-37, 2 Thess 3:5, Jude 21**. While we should pray for a greater desire for the Word and for the Lord, what are some practical steps you can take this week toward deepening your desire for him? What are the competing appetites in your life that need to be suppressed or overcome so that you can find greater satisfaction in Jesus?

3. Read **Psalm 119:38-40, Romans 15:4, 2 Timothy 3:16-17**. How can a deeper knowledge of the Bible produce a greater confidence and security in your heart as it pertains to your standing in Christ? How can the confidence you just described help you endure the skepticism and mockery of unbelieving family members or coworkers?

4. Read **Psalm 119:15-16, Psalm 119:97, Prov 2:1-5**. This sermon focused on three prayers to offer before we get into the Word. What other requests do you make of the Lord before your quiet time? It can be difficult to stay focused in prayer, so what techniques or practices have you applied to help you stay locked in during your prayer time and even during your time in the Word?

Recommended Reading

- *Be Thou My Vision* - ed. Jonathan Gibson
- *Habits of Grace* - David Mathis
- *The Disciplines of Grace* - Jerry Bridges