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Psalm 119:161-168 | Where True Peace is Found

Scripture Memory

“Consider how I love your precepts! Give me life, O LORD, according to your steadfast love. The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.” – Psalm 119:159-160

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 119:161**. When is the last time you can remember being truly in awe of something — a place, an experience, a moment? What is it about God's Word that should produce that same awe in us, and what keeps your Bible reading from getting there?
2. Read **Psalm 119:162** and **Matthew 13:44**. The man in the parable sold everything he had in his joy, not out of duty. What treasure have you uncovered in Scripture recently that produced that kind of joy in you? What habits help you move from the Word of God to the God of the Word rather than just checking a box?
3. In **Psalm 119:163**, the psalmist contrasts his hatred of falsehood with his love for God's law. Where have you found yourself trying to be at peace with both the world's system and the Lord at the same time? What is one specific lie the world tells that you have had to consciously reject in order to hold onto the truth of God's Word?
4. Read **Psalm 119:164** and **Romans 1:21-25**. We are worshipers by nature, and even as Christians we drift toward worshipping comfort, career, status, or family. What has been competing for your worship lately, and how has God used His Word to lift your eyes back to Him?
5. Read **Psalm 119:167**. The psalmist doesn't say he keeps God's testimonies because he has to — he says he loves them exceedingly. Think of an area where your obedience currently feels more like duty than delight. What would need to change in how you approach Scripture for love to become the motive there instead of obligation?

Recommended Reading

Here are some books that may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While we cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, we do believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

- *Bible Delight* - Christopher Ash
- *Reading the Bible Supernaturally* - John Piper
- *Gospel Treason* - Brad Bigney