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Community Group Discussion Guide

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Week 2 – Delighting in God’s Word

Psalm 119:16

Read Psalm 119:9-16 and then answer the following questions.

Introduction

Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible – at 176 verses, it’s longer than many other *books* in God’s Word! And in all but a handful of verses, Psalm 119 talks directly about God’s Word and teaches again and again that nothing matches the worth of God’s Word.

Psalm 119:16 captures the “flavor” of much of the rest of the Psalm. In this verse we learn that – because of the worth of God’s Word – the Bible should be a source of delight for us, and that it deserves our attention.

Questions for Study

1. Describe any exposure you had to God’s Word (the Bible) growing up. Briefly summarize your attitude towards the Bible when you were younger.
2. An overarching message of Psalm 119 is that “nothing matches the worth of God’s Word.” Reflect honestly on your personal reaction to this truth now: Is your reaction positive or negative? Explain.
3. How does the culture around us respond to the worth of God’s Word? Provide concrete examples if you can.
4. Psalm 119:16 talks about “delighting” in God’s Word. Is this idea of “delighting” in the Bible new to you? Why is approaching God’s Word with this in mind important?
5. As a group, scan Psalm 119 together and try to come up with (at least) 5-8 reasons God’s Word should produce delight. Which of these reasons stands out to you most? Why?
6. Psalm 119:16 highlights how God’s Word deserves our attention. Compare a casual approach to God’s Word with an “attentive” approach. Practically, what might it look like for you to give God’s Word your “attention”? What steps can you take in this direction beginning this week?
7. Read John 5:39. Jesus teaches that God’s Word is not an end in itself but should point to Him; the “Word made text” points to the “Word made flesh.” Why is this important to keep in mind?
8. Imagine you had to explain to someone how the Scriptures point to Jesus. What are some of the points would you include in your explanation?
9. “Nothing matches the worth of God’s Word.” What needs to happen in your attitude and your daily routine for you to live into the truth of this statement?