

Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*



Worship Guide for July 26, 2020

Sermon Notes

My Humble Prayer and Confident Hope

Psalm 119:17-24

[17] Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word. [18] Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law. [19] I am a sojourner on the earth; hide not your commandments from me! [20] My soul is consumed with longing for your rules at all times. [21] You rebuke the insolent, accursed ones, who wander from your commandments. [22] Take away from me scorn and contempt, for I have kept your testimonies. [23] Even though princes sit plotting against me, your servant will meditate on your statutes. [24] Your testimonies are my delight; they are my counselors. (Psalm 119:17–24, Gimel)

As a faithful follower of Jesus, like our Lord, it is inevitable that you will face opposition, ridicule, criticism as you walk with him. After all, the Psalmist says, you are “a sojourner on this earth” (v19). When that happens, these verses are a God-given guide. In fact, the Bible itself can become your counselor (v24), but only if you have the eyes to see the “wonderous things” (v18) in the Scriptures. So, the Psalmist prays that God will open his eyes to see these truths. Jesus is our “Wonderful Counselor” (Isaiah 9:6), and it is in the pages of his Word that we find his wonderful counsel and comfort. All that we need for our sojourn in this place, all that we need to “live and keep his word” while we are here (v17) is found in Christ. This section of Psalm 119 is a humble prayer and a confident statement of faith.

The Humble Servant’s Prayer: “As I walk in this world, I ask you to give me everything I need to live for you”. (Psalm 119:17-20)

The Hurting Servant’s Confidence: As I walk in obedience in the face of persecution, I can trust God to handle the opposition and guide my steps. (Psalm 119:21-24)

Weekly Discipleship Guide

Sunday

In your journal, reflect on today's sermon by answering the following:

I never knew:

I was challenged:

I was reminded:

I was convicted:

A question I still have:

A truth I could share:

Know

Monday

Spend some time today doing the following:

Read the sermon passage again.

Select a portion of this week's sermon passage to memorize this week.

Write your selected portion and read it to yourself at least 10 times throughout the day.

Know > Be

Tuesday

In your journal, spend some time writing about the following:

Read the sermon passage again.

Write a prayer of response, guided by the passage.

(May include adoration, confession/repentance, thanksgiving, petition, etc...)

Write your selected portion of the Scripture several times to aid in memorization.

Be

Wednesday

Think about this week's questions for group discussion:

How does being a "sojourner on the earth" change the way we both understand and participate in our culture? What difference should that aspect of our identity make?

How does v. 18 look in real life? What does the life lived in accordance with that request look like in action?

Are there other testimonies that you are prone to delight in and seek as counselors more than God's Word? Why should God's Word have priority in this way in your life? What are the dangers of getting that out of balance?

Be > Do

Thursday

In your journal, spend some time considering the following:

What insights have you had while internalizing this week's passage?

How specifically will you seek to apply its truths in your home/workplace/life in general?

Do

*Use this guide to help you internalize this week's passage & message.

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