

Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*



Worship Guide for October 11, 2020

Sermon Notes

The Sweet Word of Wisdom

Psalm 119: 97-104 [*Mem*]

A baby's sense of taste first starts to develop when it's in the womb. By the ninth week of development, that baby's mouth and tongue have formed, and it has its first tiny tastebuds.

The baby develops a taste for what the mother eats and drinks as what she consumes passes through the bloodstream and into the amniotic fluid. Here the baby first experiences flavors and can tell the difference between what is salty and sweet. All babies especially like what is sweet. Our Heavenly father wants his children to develop a taste for what He says is sweet.

Biblical wisdom has been defined as knowing, loving, and obeying God and applying that knowledge to make good decisions. Today's passage tells us that wisdom comes from God, it equips us to know the right path and take it in every situation. As we grow in this wisdom, we develop the same tastes of our Heavenly Father. He develops in us a palate for what He likes. We learn to crave His sweet words of wisdom.

Your Word gives me wisdom and understanding beyond what the world can teach;
so, I know the right way to live.

Your Word shows me the difference between right and wrong;
so, I know how to avoid evil.

Your Word develops in me a taste for what is good;
so, I know how to love what is true and hate what is false.

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 Gerald's illustration of developing the same tastes as our heavenly Father help you better understand what wisdom is?

How have you seen wisdom shaped in your own life through the years? What have been the factors, the process?

Why is a developed taste for God's Word so important to our seeking wisdom through it? How do we go about developing that taste? How have you seen that taste developed in your heart recently?

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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