Westwood Baptist Church Grounded. Growing. Going. Worship Guide for November 1, 2020

Sermon Notes

I Am Your Servant Psalms 119: 121-136 [Ayin, Pe]

(Ayin) 121 I have done what is just and right; do not leave me to my oppressors. 122 Give your servant a pledge of good; let not the insolent oppress me. 123 My eyes long for your salvation and for the fulfillment of your righteous promise. 124 Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love, and teach me your statutes. 125 I am your servant; give me understanding, that I may know your testimonies! 126 It is time for the LORD to act, for your law has been broken. 127 Therefore I love your commandments above gold, above fine gold. 128 Therefore I consider all your precepts to be right; I hat every false way.

(Pe) 129 Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them. 130 The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple. 131 I open my mouth and pant, because I long for your commandments. 132 Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name. 133 Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me. 134 Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep your precepts. 135 Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes. 136 My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law.

The word "servant" occurs 14 times in Psalm 119. Here in the Ayin and Pe stanzas it appears 4 times and is at the heart of these verses. "I am your servant" (v125) summarizes this focus and shows how these verses are a helpful roadmap into the heart, mind and emotions and prayers of the man or women who takes delight in being the Lord's servant.

I am your servant; I stand for what is right and I trust you as I do.

I am your servant; I am waiting for you to act and I seek understanding as I do.

I am your servant; I love your truth and hate what is false.

I am your servant; I live by your light and trust in your grace.

Weekly Discipleship Guide

Sunday

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

I never knew: I was reminded: I was challenged: I was convicted:

A question I still have:

A truth I could share:

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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.

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.

Wednesday

Think about this week's questions for group discussion:

How are we most prone to change the true idea of what it means to be *servants* of the Lord so that it fits our own preferences and desires for our lives? How does this passage challenge that? What is key in combatting this?

What is the most difficult aspect of being a servant of the Lord even in trusting him in (a) the direction of things happening around me, and (b) the timing of things? Why should a reminder of our identity as servants encourage us and provide hope?

What do we learn from this passage about how our identity as *servants* of the Lord should shape the way we pray?

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?

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

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