



Worship Guide for November 8, 2020

Sermon Notes

Righteous are you, O LORD

Psalm 119: 137-144 [Tsadhe]

Tsadhe 137 Righteous are you, O LORD, and right are your rules. 138 You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness and in all faithfulness. 139 My zeal consumes me, because my foes forget your words. 140 Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it. 141 I am small and despised, yet I do not forget your precepts. 142 Your righteousness is righteous forever, and your law is true. 143 Trouble and anguish have found me out, but your commandments are my delight. 144 Your testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.
Psalm 119:137–144

The Urban Dictionary defines ‘righteous’ as “containing the best possible attributable qualities.” Another definition describes it as “acting in accord with moral law”. A reasonable question would be who determines what is the “best possible attribute”? Who decides whether or not someone or something is “in accord with moral law”? Who decides what is moral? Today, more than ever, the answer to this question is, well..... in question.

The Bible has the answer for these questions. Several times in Psalm 119 the writer has said, “give me understanding”. (vv 27,34,73, 125,144) This understanding is gained as we grow in our knowledge of God. To know God better is to know His character, to know His attributes. Stanza “Tsadhe” zeros in on one of these divine attributes: God’s righteousness. Some form of the word occurs 6 times in these 8 verses. These verses tell us about the righteousness of God, the righteousness of his word, and the way we should respond to these truths.

Our Righteous God: *Righteous are you, O LORD*

His Righteous Word: *right are your rules*

Our Right Response: *give me understanding that I may live*

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 an unbeliever perceive righteousness and justice as they seek to understand it outside of God and his character? How should we view them and what should be our response to their pursuit of justice or definition of righteousness?

Read Colossians 2:1-8. What similarities do you see with this week's passage? How do both of these passages show how believers are to measure or weigh things in order to determine justice or righteousness? What other passages come to mind?

As we have been confronted several times now with the Psalmist's desire for understanding. How has this study shaped your understanding of understanding? 😊 How would you define biblical understanding?

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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