

## Week 42– Questions to Consider

Psalm 119:89-176 ~ Proverbs 25:1-14

### Small Group Warm Up Question:

How are you seeing God work among the next generation?

1. When someone makes you a promise, what sort of thoughts go through your mind? In comparison, what amazes you about God's promises? (Psalm 119:89-90)
2. What is your favorite Bible verse? Why? How has God used that verse in your life?
3. "I am yours; save me" is such a short, simple statement, yet is so powerful (Psalm 119:94). How would you explain the power and comfort of this verse to a non-Christian?
4. What are some techniques you have found helpful to "meditate" on God's Word "all the day"? (Psalm 119:97)
5. What is your favorite sweet or dessert? When did you first acquire a taste for it? What do you like so much about it? How does it affect you to think of it even now? In what ways is the Bible "sweeter" than your favorite candy or dessert? (Psalm 119:103)
6. What is a food that you "hate"? How could someone else know that you hate that food? Similarly, what should it look like to "hate every false way"? (Psalm 119:104)
7. Have you ever been stuck in a dark or scary situation when a light was needed, helpful, or comforting? What was that like? How much did you value your light in that circumstance? Psalm 119:105 says "your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." How has God used the Bible to help you navigate or find comfort in this dark and dangerous world?
8. What is your favorite sport to watch or participate in? Why are rules important in that sport? What happens if coaches don't teach their players the rules? In a similar way, why does our God emphasize his "rules" to us? Is that "oppressive" or "restricting"? Why should we want to learn and live by His "rules"? (Psalm 119:108)
9. Psalm 119:113-120 contrasts the faithful to the unrighteous. What comparisons stand out to you in this section?
10. Read 119:136. How can you relate to this? Should we feel this sort of pity and compassion towards the lost? Why?
11. Why would our "persecutors" and "adversaries" try to get us to swerve from God's law? (Psalm 119:57? What tactics might our enemies use to pull us away from God's law?
12. What is your favorite proverb from Proverbs 25? Why?

More questions @ [www.southfork.church/psalms-proverbs-discussion-guide](http://www.southfork.church/psalms-proverbs-discussion-guide)

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Psalm 119 (ESV)

### How to Treasure the Bible: *See the Bible's...*

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4. **H**\_\_\_\_\_ - Psalm 119:114, 140, 167 "You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word....Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it...I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in your words."
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  - Psalm 119:127 "Therefore I love your commandments above gold, above fine gold."
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  - Psalm 119:163 "I love your law."
6. **R**\_\_\_\_\_ - Psalm 119:128,137 "I consider all your precepts to be right...Righteous are you, O LORD, & right are your rules."
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## How to Study the Bible

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**9. T\_\_\_\_\_ Your Day**

Psalm 119:148, 55, 164 “My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate on your promise....I remember your name in the night, O LORD...Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous rules.”

**10. Apply It** - Psalm 119:1–2 “Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD! [2] Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart”

## **This Next Week’s Psalms & Proverbs Reading Plan:**

Week 43: Psalm 120-122 ~ Proverbs 25:15-28

- **Hope & Purpose in Jesus:** [www.southfork.church/jesus](http://www.southfork.church/jesus)
- **Daily Verse by Text Message:** [remind.com/join/sfbcdevo](http://remind.com/join/sfbcdevo)
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