

LIFE Group Sermon Questions

Psalms for You: When You're Drifting from the Truth

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Psalm 19



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Psalm 19

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. 2 Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. 3 There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. 4 Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, 5 which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. 6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat. 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; 8 the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; 9 the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. 11 Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. 12 Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. 13 Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer."

Sermon Outline

I. What the Bible does

- a. It imparts life (Psalm 19:7)
- b. It gives understanding (Psalm 19:7)
- c. It feeds joy (Psalm 19:8)
- d. It reveals the truth (Psalm 19:8)
- e. It provides stability (Psalm 19:9)
- f. It will protect you (Psalm 19:11)
- g. It will bless you (Psalm 19:11)

II. What to do with the Bible

1. Read it
2. Receive it
3. Write it
4. Repeat it
5. Relish it

Discussion Questions

1. What did you learn today from the Scripture passage(s) that you didn't know before? What is something that hit you in a fresh way?

2. What would you say is your relationship with the Bible?

3. What would you say is your greatest hindrance to getting into the Bible: time, interest, experience, guidance? What are some ideas for how to move past that hurdle?

4. Psalm 19:7 says that God's Word *revives the soul*. It imparts spiritual life, both at conversion (when a sinner sees the glory of Jesus and becomes a Christian) *and* day by day (throughout the Christian life). How have you experienced the Bible's life-giving power as a believer?

5. Why do you think some people can hear the Bible and *not* be converted to Christ?

6. How has the Bible fed your joy? (Or, how has the truth of the Bible kept you from drowning in despair)?

7. How have you seen the Bible do things in others? Given what Psalm 19 says, how might you change the way you "use" the Bible with...

- ...your friends?
- ...your spouse?
- ...your kids/grandkids?
- ...those who are hurting?
- ...those who are sinning?

8. What have you found helpful in establishing the habit of *reading* your Bible?

9. Given what Psalm 19 says about the Bible, how would you describe a "good" sermon? How does what Psalm 19 says about the Bible change the way you approach *listening* to preaching?

10. Pick another Psalm and take 5 minutes to write a prayer based on it.

11. Why is it important to look for Jesus throughout the *whole* Bible? What's the danger if we don't do that?

12. Who is someone you know who loves the Bible? What are some questions you could ask them for how they've grown in their love for it?