



This Home Group Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. You can do this homework on your own; however, we encourage you to check out one of our warm and friendly Small Groups.

LESSON AIM: To encourage you to make studying God's Word a daily discipline.

Connect15 min.



PRAYER: Begin your time with prayer. We encourage you to quiet yourself, acknowledge God's position, and ask God to open your mind and heart to the lesson aim for today.

ICEBREAKER: How do you feel when you receive a long letter from a close friend? What role does communication play in relationships? What causes friendships to deteriorate?

Grow35-40 min.



KEY PASSAGE: *"How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word. I have tried hard to find you— don't let me wander from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.."*

Psalm 119:9-11 NLT

1. The psalmist talks about a "young person". What is your attitude toward young people back then and now?
2. Please read Psalm 119. Who will be blessed by God? (vv.1-3) How is God's Word described in this psalm? How is the psalmist's devotion to God's Word revealed?
3. What attitude did the psalmist want to have toward God's Word? (vv.17-24)

4. What did the psalmist ask the Lord to do for him? (vv.33-40)
5. What role did God's Word play in the psalmist's life? (vv.49-64)
6. How should we read and study God's Word? How would you like to change the way you read or study God's Word? How can we show our respect for God's written Word?

Serve15 min.



What does it mean to hide God's Word in our heart?

How could you improve the quality or quantity of the time you spend reading and thinking about God's Word this week?

Reach10 min.



In what specific ways could you demonstrate your love for God's word in the next few weeks?

Worship15 min.



Turn your prayers into praise because God loved us enough to give us his Word and tell us what He expects from our lives. Praise him because not only did He give us his Word, but He sent Jesus to show us how to live. Replace your insecurities with power and confidence that comes from knowing and doing God's will by studying the Bible.

Pray for other praises and needs of the group members.

Viewing You Day from God's Panorama

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Three Kinds of Hunger

Jesus – "But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."
John 4:14 (NLT)

- _____ God's Word _____.

"I will study your commandments and reflect on your ways. I will delight in your decrees and not forget your word. ...Open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in your instructions."
Psalm 119:15-16,18 (NLT)

S _____

O _____

A _____

P _____

"O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water."
Psalm 63:1 (NLT)

"You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."
Psalm 16:11 (ESV)

Unreliable Views

_____ (Exodus 23:2 NLT)

_____ (Mark 7:7-8 NLT)

_____ (Proverbs 16:25 NLT)

_____ (Judges 21:25 NLT)

I Gain God's View as I...

- _____ God's Word as _____.

"...when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers."
1 Thessalonians 2:13 (ESV)

Jesus – "But anyone who obeys God's laws and teaches them will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven."
Matthew 5:19b (NLT)

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work."
2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

Jesus – "Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear."
Matthew 24:35 (NLT)

- _____ God's Word with _____.

Jesus – "People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."
Matthew 4:4 (NLT)

"Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, now that you have had a taste of the Lord's kindness."
1 Peter 2:2-3 (NLT)

