

SENIOR BIBLE FELLOWSHIP ASSIGNMENT: SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

We finished our time in how we relate to ourselves, God, and others. It took a while, so thank you for your patience!

God has laid Psalm 119 on my heart, so this is where we will be for a while. There are 22 paragraphs or sections in this psalm. My intention is cover each section/paragraph in two meetings...so this could take about 2 years! I believe it will take at least this amount of time to digest this wonderful Psalm. But, of course, the Holy Spirit could go in a different direction. This is how Kirie and I tend to roll in our faith walk. I believe this time will not be wasted, but open up the eyes of your and my heart.

Fyi, I will be giving a sermon on Psalm 119, this Sunday, September 21st, so listen to it if you can. It'll give you a sneak peek into what is on my mind.

BACKGROUND:

The book of Psalms is smack dab in the middle of the Bible. Is this significant.. maybe. The psalms are a combination of poems, songs, laments, prayers... which are used in worship. Of the 150 Psalms, 73 of them are about or written by David. The Psalms span about 1000 years and Moses wrote the first one. Others who contributed to the book of Psalms are Solomon, family of Asaph, sons of Korah, Heman, and Ethan. For 50 of the Psalms the author is not known.

Some say the book of Psalms are like a mini-Bible and that Psalm 119 is the mini-mini-Bible. Many famous (and dead) theologians/preachers like Augustine, Luther, Spurgeon, Bonhoeffer would see themselves unworthy to even comment on Psalm 119... it's that rich in godliness. If they did comment on Psalm 119, they only did it after commenting on the rest of the Psalms. So, I not going to be foolish and say we will unlock God's secrets in as we dive into it... but, I promise, if you engage your whole being into this study... God will change you.

As we take this journey, I will be your guide. My hope is God will reveal things to me for each of our meetings. Like a good guide, I will do my best to point out things of interest which you may not see or know about. This is not to use over God's word, but to pique your interest enough where you will self-study and live it out. I have found that truths which you discover always have more impact with yourself. I would encourage you to share these epiphanies with the group as nobody...nobody knows it all.

With that, for our next meeting, please read Psalm 119:1 – 8. It's the first paragraph of Psalm 119.

QUESTIONS:

1. Before you read Psalm 119:1 – 8, jot down some of your thoughts on Psalm 119. Do you think it's somewhat repetitive? Have you spent time with it... or would skim it? Why?

2. Some see the book of Psalms as just a collection of thoughts, prayers from men, so they spend much more time on doctrine related books in the Bible like Romans. However, the Psalms are still God's inspired word and worthy of study. Yes, they are in a format which seems less technical, like art.

- Do see value in art or are you more driven to examine facts/data?

- If you like art, what kind of art do you like and why? Give an example of a piece of art which you like and share how it enriches your life.

3. The Psalms were originally written in Hebrew, so as we read our English Bibles, we are getting someone's translation. I speak Japanese and when I watch Japanese movies which have an English translation at the bottom of the screen, there are times where the true meaning of the word is missed. Do you speak another language? If so, please share how have you had experiences where you encounter a situation/emotion which is better said in your original language?

4. Do you see a natural division in the first 8 verses of Psalm 119? If so, please share what division do you see?