

LIFEGROUP NOTES: PSALM 119:97-104: God's Word Is So Good!

As ever, please use (or discard!) these ideas as is most suitable for your group. Don't feel you have to use everything.

Introduction:

1. How do you think about the Bible – a rule-book? A self-help manual? An inspirational book? Or what?

Read Ps 119:97-104 and discuss:

2. What are your usual feelings as you open God's word? To what extent do these influence your personal times with God?
3. What is the psalmist's response to God's word in v.97 and v.103? What might it mean in practice to "taste the sweetness" of God's words?
4. How does recognising scripture as "YOUR law (v.97) ... "YOUR words (v.103)" influence how the psalmist values it?
5. What does "meditating on God's word all day long" involve? What would that look like in your (busy!) daily life?
6. See vv.98-100: What good fruit for ordinary life results from meditating on God's word? And from vv.101-102 and v.104, what are the practical consequences?
7. How does the psalmist's love for God's word challenge the priorities of your life? How does it make you hungry for God's word? Try to help one another to identify one practical step you can each take this week to taste more of the goodness of God's word. NOW: how can you help one another to turn your good intention into action?

In Conclusion

- Pray about your response to God's word.

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