

LIFEGROUP NOTES: PSALM 119:105-112: God's Word Saves!

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. Why do you think God gave us the Scriptures? What was His intention?

Read Ps 119:105-112 and discuss:

2. See v.105: In what way does God's word keep us from danger? How does it direct us on the right path? How does Jesus illustrate v.105 for us in Matthew 4:1-11?
3. Think of a time when you were tempted to go one way but chose a different path because of God's word. What motivated you to choose God's way? What was the result?
4. What would you say to someone who thinks that living by God's word must be oppressive? How would you show that it actually leads to freedom and human flourishing?
5. See v.110: In what ways might people set snares for us – even if they don't fully realize what they are doing? Give examples of snares you are facing in the run-up to Christmas. How does God's word enable you to identify something as a snare, and to avoid it?
6. Notice how the psalmist commits himself firmly to living in the light of God's word (vv.106, 112). Why did he need such resolve (see vv.107, 109, 110) – and why do we? Have you ever made such a commitment? How can we help one another to last the course?
7. The psalmist would have found in the Scriptures some clear guidance to help him turn this resolve into practical action – see Deuteronomy 11:18-20. How might you turn this guidance into definite actions? Identify at least one step you can commit to this week.

In Conclusion

- Pray about your response to God's word.

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