

MAYBE THIS YEAR



Sermon Outline

Key verse

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any doubleedged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

Why we need God's word

1. Studying God's Word gives you guidance

I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. Psalm 119:10

2. Studying God's Word gives you joy

I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.

Psalm 119:14

3. Studying God's Word gives you comfort

I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word. Psalm 119:16

STUDY GOD'S WORD

JANUARY 22 Discussion guide

Opening Thought

In order to live God's Word we must learn to love God's Word. As we study the Bible we get to know God. He speaks to us, guides us, blesses us, and strengthens us. We are to enjoy it as our daily bread. Let's grow in our discipline of studying God's word!

Ice breakers

• What is your favorite book of the Bible and why?

Dig Deeper

- Today's study is Psalm 119:9-6. Who is this passage speaking to? Why do you think that is the case?
- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does it mean for you to treasure God's Word in your heart?
- What stood out to you from today's sermon?
- Read James 1:22. Is it tempting to be a "hearer" only? How can you identify areas of your life in which you need to apply God's Word?
- What is biblical, godly meditation? How does this differ from pagan (Eastern Mysticism) meditation?
- John mentioned three reasons that we need the Bible. Which one have you most recently experienced through your study of Scripture?

Closing

What are the ways that you can fill your heart with God's Word this week?

God wants purity for your life. Will you allow his Word to direct your steps and convict you of sin?