

# Transforming the City One Life at a Time. Know God, Grow Together, Discover Purpose, Make a Difference

#### CONNECT

What's the best piece of advice you have received? Have you followed it? How did it go for you?



#### Psalm 119:9-16

"9 How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. 10 I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. 11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. 12 Praise be to you, Lord; teach me your decrees. 13 With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth. 14 I rejoice in following your statute as one rejoices in great riches. 15 I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. 16 I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.

### THOUGHT

The main theme of Psalm chapter 119 is God's Word. The writer is emphasizing the importance of The Word by repeatedly using these descriptions throughout the chapter. The writer of this Psalm realized in verses 1-8, that God's word had eight components (law, testimonies, way(s), precepts, statutes, commandments, judgments or rules and word(s) or promise(s)). The writer wanted to make sure he knew and understood all eight components so that God's word could be hidden in his heart.

#### **DISCUSSION**

- 1. Based on these verses, why is it important to read, learn and live by The Word?
- 2. What value does the writer place on The Word in verse 14? How much value do you place on The Word?

3. Verse 11, "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not s	in against you." What do you think it
means to hide God's word in your heart? What are God's words?	_
4. Do you believe that knowing God's word can help you in times of word helped you before?	f need, in times of weakness? Has God's
PERSONAL APPLICATION	
<ul> <li>Spend time reading scripture. What are you currently facing? The wo allow His word to bring hope into your circumstances.</li> </ul>	ord of God is able to help. Read God's word and

## **PRAYER**

- Pray this week that the word of God would grow roots deep down inside of you. Pray that as you read, listen and meditate on the word of God that your life would be transformed by the love, truth, and way of Jesus. Pray that the circumstances of life would allow you to see God's promise of nearness with you.
- Pray the same with a family member, friend or co-worker, that they too would be transformed by the word of God from the inside out.