



SDG Discussion Guide

Psalm 119:1-8

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For starters:

How are you? How are you getting on since the last time we talked?

Where do you typically need help in a crisis? Where do you tend to “shine”?

Aside from God and people, what do you like or enjoy so much that no language quite adequately expresses your appreciation?

Guideline:

First, as you can, read aloud and slowly **Psalm 119:1-8** in your group. As time permits, reread it in another Bible translation.

Before you begin your discussion, pray, and ask God to enlighten you, to show you where he has been at work and present in your previous days through places, events, and people. Pause in your prayer and listen. Then, ask Him to speak to your group now. Notice, what may God be bringing to your group for both collective and individual revelation and discussion?

Now that you have prayed, please see the following questions that may assist you in your discussion.

1. What are five to ten things this passage says, e.g., blamelessness brings blessing.
2. What are five to then things this passage does not say, e.g., God’s Word is for me to use in a way that’s helpful to me.
3. What is the positive intention of God’s law? What promise is implied in seeking the Lord wholeheartedly? Can only “flawless” people be blessed? Why or why not?
4. What should we do when we feel shame (verse 6)? How would that help us?
5. Describe the progression of the psalmist’s thoughts from the beginning of this passage until verse seven. How should our own lives mirror this progression, as we look at Scripture?
6. Here the psalmist has attained this upright heart, but he does not display pride in his accomplishment. Instead, who does he choose to praise? What characteristic does this display?
7. What does this passage teach you about God?

Prayer:

Once again, spend plenty of time to gather the reflections and insights that have come from your study and turn them into a time of request and praise. Pray together for a renewed enthusiasm for God’s Word such that you arise each morning and can hardly wait to open it and rediscover the life therein.