

Fall 2020 Psalm 119 Study

Here is the schedule of Scriptures we will be studying. Look at the following pages for more information.

October 21: Psalm 119:1-8
October 28: Psalm 119:9-32
November 4: Psalm 119:33-56
November 11: Psalm 119:57-80
November 18: Psalm 119:81-104
November 25: (week off)
December 2: Psalm 119:105-128
December 9: Psalm 119:129-152
December 16: Psalm 119:153-176

This is a very informal study in which we will focus on reading the Bible during the week, meditating on it, and responding to God in prayer. On Wednesdays, we'll discuss what we've learned. Every week I'll be asking for a volunteer to prepare a 5 minute summary of a Biblical character who delighted in God or loved his word. This volunteer will share her summary the following week.

Watch your email. If I have anything to add to this, I'll email you.

Week 1. Meet me on zoom with your Bible.

Week 2. October 28: Psalm 119:9-32

As you prepare for our October 28 meeting, you're going to compare translations. This is easy. Go to biblegateway.com and read the passage in different translations. I like to compare these: ESV, CSB, NLT, Amplified, and Message. Make a few notes about your favorite phrases from each version.

Week 3. November 4: Psalm 119:33-56

As you prepare for our November 4 meeting, you'll read this week's passage in at least two versions. Then, set aside at least 15 minutes to pray and think about what you read. We're going to focus on God and what we can learn about him in this passage. Read all the steps before you begin.

1. Pray. Ask the Lord to show you himself in his word today.
2. What did this week's passage show you about God's character?
3. What did this week's passage show you about how God interacts with or speaks to people?

4. After reading this passage, how will you respond to God? Your prayer might use phrases like “Thank you Lord, that you....” Or “Help me Lord, to...”

Week 4. November 11: Psalm 119:57-80

As you prepare for our November 11 meeting, you will need some colored pencils or pens or markers. Read this week’s passage and then take some time to pray colorfully.

This isn’t art—it’s prayer. You might write a phrase or two in big colorful letters, and doodle around it while you pray. Or you could draw stick figures to illustrate the Scripture. Maybe you just want to use colors and shapes to express your mood while you pray. This can be a valuable meditation method because it keeps your hands busy and your mind focused while you spend more time with God’s Word. You can read more about using this method in different ways at <http://readhearseefeeel.blogspot.com/2011/01/praying-in-color.html> .

Week 5. November 18: Psalm 119:81-104

To prepare for our November 18 meeting, you’ll focus on listening to God’s Word. Read this week’s passage at least three times: in different versions if you want to. Look at the following steps before you begin them.

1. Pray. Ask the Lord to speak to you today.
2. What word or phrase caught your attention when you read the Scripture today?
3. Why is this word or phrase relevant to you right now?
4. Respond to the Scriptures. What do you want to talk to Jesus about today?
This might be a praise or a prayer, questions or confidence.

Week 6. December 2: Psalm 119:105-128

To prepare for our December 2 meeting, you’ll use the SOAP method. This is a popular meditation tool. Read all the steps before you start.

Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer

1. Read the passage of Scripture. Choose a verse or two to write.
2. Observe the who what, when, where, why and how of the situation.
3. Think about how you can apply this Scripture to your life.
4. Pray about it.

Week 7. December 9: Psalm 119:129-152

As you prepare for our December 9 meeting, look back at the meditation methods we have used. Choose your favorite and use it with this week's Scriptures.

Week 8. December 16: Psalm 119:153-176

To prepare for our December 16 meeting, look back at the meditation methods we have used. Choose your favorite and use it with this week's Scriptures.

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