

Psalm 119 – Session 9: Verses 153-168

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// Community Question

Name a place you have seen that caused you to stop and stare in awe. Why was it so amazing?

// Scripture: Read Psalm 119:153-168

// Discussion Questions:

1. When people talk about a “pity party,” what is the context or focus of that statement?
What circumstances make a person throw a pity party?
2. Have you ever focused so much on something or been distracted by something that you missed the primary reason you were doing the task to begin with? Why did that happen?
3. Matt states that “moral betterment” is the least helpful version of the Christian faith that people have bought into. Why did he say that? Is looking inward a bad thing? Why or why not?
4. In these verses, how does David describe his circumstances? How does he describe himself?
5. In what ways can you relate to his sentiment of “this isn’t fair” or “Come on, throw me a bone?”
What causes you to wonder where God is at times?
6. Where does Matt say we find the cure for our spiritual “navel gazing”?
How does that change the perspective?
7. Matt states that all of the verses cause David to stand in awe of God. We gave examples of God’s creation that made us stand in awe. How have you experienced awe in your spiritual life? In what ways did it affect you?
8. While being in awe begins with God’s Word, what else stirs your affection for Jesus? What causes your perspective to lift so that you see and savor your Father?

// **Challenge:** In verse 164, David states that he praises God 7 times a day. What can you build into your schedule so that you can praise God several times a day and lift your head to him instead of focusing on you?