

## Psalm 119 - Session 8: Verses 137-152

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### // Community Question

You're relaxing while floating on the water with your eyes closed, relaxing in the sun's warmth, and enjoying the sounds of nature around you. When you open your eyes, you notice you're over 100 yards away from where you began. Why didn't you notice you were drifting earlier? What made you realize you were drifting? Is it easier to paddle gently to stay in place or to paddle against the current to return to where you started? Why?

### // Scripture: Read Psalm 119:137-152

### // Discussion Questions:

1. Read verses 137-144. What words does David use to describe the attributes of God? Of man?
2. God is perfect, righteous, and all-powerful. He is also separated from us because we rejected Him. How does God connect with imperfect humanity? (Who took the initiative to bridge this gap? Who defined the path of reconciliation? Who decides if the requirements of reconciliation have been met? Etc.)  
What is man's role in the reconciliation?
3. In verse 139, David states that we forget about the truth of who God is.  
How does someone forget something? Apply the concepts of drifting from the opening question to drifting from God's word. What must we do so we do not drift and forget God's word?
4. How is life different for someone who knows about God and His word and someone who knows about God and also keeps God's word? (James 2:19)
5. "When we pray for deliverance, we do so with one eye open looking at the object of our sin."  
Repent (Hebrew: [teshuvah]return/turn) What aspects or actions are involved in repenting/turning from sin?
6. Verse 153 - *Look on my affliction and deliver me, for I do not forget your law.*  
Brokenness is our opportunity to see that we need God to save us.  
Why do we wait until we are broken? How has God used brokenness in your life to bring you to a place where you can recognize your need for Him?

### // Challenge: Matt laid out four marks of being a Christian:

1. To understand we've sinned against God.
2. To believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
  - Who absorbed the wrath of God toward sinners on the cross (1 John 2:2)
  - Who credited His righteousness to those who believe (2 Cor. 5:21)
  - Who rose from the dead victorious over death itself (1 Cor. 15:1-8)
3. To continually repent of sin.
4. To walk in the newness of life through obedience to God's Word

What is one of the areas in which you might have started drifting a bit, and what can be done to recenter your walk with God?