

Psalm 119 - Session 3: Verses 33 - 48

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// Community Question

Describe something you do “half-hearted.” Why do you do that task with a lowered level of effort?

// Discussion Questions: **READ: Psalm 119:33-48**

1. Matt states that the general theme of verses 33-48 is to love what is true and hate what is evil. Our culture tolerates evil and turns from the truth. What does it look like for a believer to hate evil rather than tolerate it without appearing hateful?

2. “Give me understanding that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.”

We’ve discussed things we do half-hearted above and why we give less effort.

What would it look like if you followed God’s ways wholeheartedly?

3. Matt calls verses 32-40 “causative statements” (God causes something to impact David). David asked God to intervene and cause the desire in David’s heart to yearn for a more consistent pursuit of God. David knew that some things, like having delight in his heart, cannot be accomplished simply by willing it. He needed God’s help.

Read John 14:16-17, 16:8, 16:13; Romans 8:26-27.

What directly prompts us today, and how is that different from what David had?

4. “Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things...” (v.37)

Both worthless things and sin separate us from God’s presence. How do the distractions of busyness and worthless things keep us from displaying Christ to a lost world? In what ways do they weaken our witness?

5. David stated that if we could practice the traits in verses 32-40, we would bear two specific fruit:

1. We are liberated from the fear of others.

2. We walk with Christ in certainty.

How could our lives be different if we do not fear what men think and have certainty of who we are in God/Christ? How does David suggest we get to that point?

// Challenge:

Matt said that if you grew up in a home where you had to be perfect, you developed an underlying fear cloaked in your actions and speech because being found out meant rejection. It also meant that deception was invited into the mix to hide imperfections. What can we do so our church family doesn’t become a home like that which expects perfection?