

*Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. – Psalm 119:105*

Several years ago, I went on a personal retreat to a Roman Catholic retreat center in Minnesota. The center was located in a heavily wooded area with individual prayer cabins nestled alongside simple dirt paths. There was no electricity; only gas-powered lanterns. It was recommended that you bring a flashlight to navigate the paths after dark so I made certain to pack one in my bag with extra batteries. Unfortunately, I forgot to bring the flashlight with me as I went for an evening walk. By the time I started to make my way back to the cabin, it was already dusk and the large trees were blocking-out the little light that remained on the paths. It took considerable effort to discern the outlines of the cabins amidst the dimly lit trees. And all the cabins looked the same! After walking in circles several times, I finally found my cabin and vowed to never leave without my flashlight again.

The Psalmist writes to remind us how important God's Word is for finding our way in life. But just like a flashlight, it is of no use if we don't bring it with us. How often do we forget to open God's Word and seek illumination in our daily walk? The beauty of God's Word is that it not only shines a light inward revealing all our flaws and imperfections, it also shines outward like a beacon to point the way toward Jesus and his promises. As the Holy Spirit reveals the truth of God's Word to us, we are "enlightened" to our need for forgiveness and strengthened by the gift of renewed faith. In a world that is growing darker, our need for a well-lit path is greater than ever. Open God's Word and let it light the way! Amen.

*Question – Have you asked God to light your path today? He can't wait to show you something wonderful in his Word!*