

Grace Community LIFE Groups

Psalm 119:65-72

1. Find 5 examples in Psalm 119 of the author's distress because of how people oppose God's Word and how the Psalmist's opponents oppose him for loving God's Word (see verse 53 for an example).
2. Based on 119:53 and other verses that you found for question #1, what is your response to the following statement: "There should always be something inside the Christian that grieves over the widespread scorning of God's Word in such a way that he never truly feels at home in this world."
3. How would you counsel a Christian friend who is questioning God's goodness because of a painful affliction he/she has experienced? (NOTE: We must avoid tossing around cliché's when someone is in distress. However, some powerful truths can be stated in very simple terms).
4. Please read Paul's testimony in II Corinthians 1:3-9. What are two of God's reasons for allowing us to experience affliction according to this passage?
5. An affliction can be any circumstance/person that is difficult, painful, discouraging, etc. Can you think of an affliction in your life that God used for your good? How long did it take for you to see what God was doing? Have you ever shared your story to be an encouragement to someone else facing affliction?
6. We often turn to Romans 8:28 for comfort during tough times. But according to Romans 8:29, what is the "highest good" that God seeks in the Christian's life?
7. In what way is dealing with affliction biblically more of a process than an instant event? Can triumph also come in an instant? Explain.
8. Identify each of the descriptions or references to God's Word in Psalm 119:65-72. Why was the Psalmist so intent on obeying God's Word?
9. List 5 benefits that come to the person who views God's Word the same way the writer of Psalm 119 did.
10. Do you have a plan for spending time in God's Word? Do you think it is effective? Are you following it?