

Sermon Discussion Questions- August 26th

Sermon: People Of The Book- Pastor Jim Dykes

Psalm 119:1-8

Head (God speaks to us through His Word)

Take a moment to reread the passage of Scripture in your group time and encourage someone to take 2-3 minutes to summarize the message of the sermon.

In Verses 1-8, we see 7 words used to describe the Scriptures: *Law, Testimonies, Ways, Precepts*, *Statutes, Commands, and Judgements*. What does this say about the nature of the Bible?

Do you tend to view the Bible as a source of inspiration or instruction? In what ways? What is the difference?

How does your perspective of the Bible change the way you read and respond to it?

Heart (God shapes our desires)

How has the Holy Spirit spoken to you through the preaching of God's Word? Did anything from the sermon stand out as particularly challenging, convicting, or hopeful?

What do you find most encouraging about God's preservation of Scripture for us?

In what ways have you found that the Bible aids your communion with God?

Can you describe a time when you were "re-directed" in some way by the Scriptures? How does remembering that time help you as you seek to respond to God's word today and in the future?

Hands (God sends us and works through us as we respond)

What are the implications from this sermon for your life? How does this sermon speak to your life specifically? What will your response be?

How do you plan to make the most of the Sacred Study Guides to help you in this regard? Are any parts of the guide more difficult for you than others: Reading Plan, HEAR Journaling, Memorization? How can the group encourage you and help you in this area?

How can you share what God is teaching you with other Christians? With those who don't yet know Jesus? Pray and look for an opportunity to share with those who come to mind.