

THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

1 Thessalonians 2:13 & Psalm 119

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Cell Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- What is a book that you have read that you couldn't put down? What made it so good?
- Do you love the Scriptures? Not if you read the Scriptures. Speak of a time when the Word of God has been so encouraging to you. What was happening in your life during that time?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time you met. Anything you need to follow up on as a group?
- **Review** the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you heard?
- **Read** the sermon text again together.

Bible's Amazing Power:

1. It opens my eyes to truth. Psalm 119:130

- How would you rate your time in the Word right now?

2. It makes me morally pure. Psalm 119:9

- Men! Stand up! Want to be clean? How does the Bible give your hope and direction as you struggle with sin and temptation?

3. It's my ultimate Counselor. Psalm 119:24

- How do you memorize and store truth in your heart so that you can be ready to give counsel?

4. It lifts me out of my pit. Psalm 119:25

- When has the truth lifted you out a dark pit? What was happening in your life and how did God lift you out of the pit?

5. It enlarges my heart. Psalm 119:32

- How big is your HEART? In what areas does your heart need to be enlarged? (Compassion? Love? Endurance?) How do our hearts grow?

6. It leads me to repentance. Psalm 119:59

- When is the last time you repented? When is the last time your repented to your kids? Would you be willing to share that with the group?

7. It speaks truth to me, no matter how I feel. Psalm 119:83

- When your time in the Word becomes dry what do you do to keep pushing through? What Biblical truths do you run to in those dry moments?

8. It provides the means of my ability to discern truth from error. Psalm 119:104

- Have you ever had spiritual conversations with someone who doesn't pass the smell test? How did the Spirit of God reveal that to you and how did you lovingly respond to that individual?

9. It gives great peace in me when nothing is at peace around me. Psalm 119:165

- What do people see in you? They are watching you. Does that cross your mind during the day when you are at work or when you are at home?

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If the Bible really is the Word of God:

1. Do you believe it really is the Word of God?
2. Do you welcome it as if God is really speaking to you?
3. When God speaks a promise to you, will you trust Him to keep His Word?
4. Will you commit to face God in His Word before you face people in the world?
5. Jesus was God's final Word to us. Have you received Him?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray about our time in the Word and with the Lord each morning.

