



### **Part 3: Your Life, God's Ways**

Knowing God's personal will for our lives is directly linked to understanding his ways, how he operates. For a lot of people, the Bible seems to provide no specific direction to them because they don't understand very much of what they read. In seeking direction from God, how does he guide us with the Bible?

**Bottom Line:** The Bible illuminates the will of God for the people of God.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is your favorite verse from the Bible? What about that verse is meaningful to you?
2. On the next page are a number of verses from Psalm 19 & 119. Divide the verses among your group and have each one read through and circle any mention of God's word, statutes, precepts, instructions, testimony, ways, decrees, revelation, etc. Have each one report on what they have learned about the value and impact of Scripture in a person's life and experience.
3. A Biblical principle is an unchangeable truth (see Proverbs 13:20). What Biblical principles have guided your path in life?
4. When it comes to understanding what you read from the Bible, what tools or resources have you found helpful?
5. What plan for reading the Bible have you found helpful?
6. As a group, discuss a Bible reading plan for the next week that you can do together.
7. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
8. How can the group pray for or encourage you this week?

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**Psalm 19 (CSB)**

7 The instruction of the LORD is perfect, renewing one's life; the testimony of the LORD is trustworthy, making the inexperienced wise.

8 The precepts of the LORD are right, making the heart glad; the command of the LORD is radiant, making the eyes light up.

9 The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are reliable and altogether righteous.

10 They are more desirable than gold— than an abundance of pure gold; and sweeter than honey dripping from a honeycomb.

11 In addition, your servant is warned by them, and in keeping them there is an abundant reward.

**Psalm 119 (CSB)**

15 I will meditate on your precepts and think about your ways.

24 Your decrees are my delight and my counselors.

33 Teach me, LORD, the meaning of your statutes, and I will always keep them.

34 Help me understand your instruction, and I will obey it and follow it with all my heart.

35 Help me stay on the path of your commands, for I take pleasure in it.

36 Turn my heart to your decrees and not to dishonest profit.

37 Turn my eyes from looking at what is worthless; give me life in your ways.

38 Confirm what you said to your servant, for it produces reverence for you.

39 Turn away the disgrace I dread; indeed, your judgments are good.

40 How I long for your precepts! Give me life through your righteousness.<sup>59</sup> I thought about my ways and turned my steps back to your decrees.

60 I hurried, not hesitating to keep your commands.

68 You are good, and you do what is good; teach me your statutes.

93 I will never forget your precepts, for you have given me life through them.

94 I am yours; save me, for I have studied your precepts.

97 How I love your instruction! It is my meditation all day long.

98 Your command makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.

99 I have more insight than all my teachers because your decrees are my meditation.

100 I understand more than the elders because I obey your precepts.

101 I have kept my feet from every evil path to follow your word.

102 I have not turned from your judgments, for you yourself have instructed me.

103 How sweet your word is to my taste— sweeter than honey in my mouth.

104 I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every false way.

105 Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path.

130 The revelation of your words brings light and gives understanding to the inexperienced.

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