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## **Life Group Sermon Based Questions**

### **"God's Word Brings Comfort"**

**(Psalm 119:49-56)**

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Please continue to go through the New City Catechism as we will soon be ordering these books and encouraging all members to purchase. [newcitycatechism.org](http://newcitycatechism.org)  
You should be on Question 23.

1. Share what God has been speaking to you through the scriptures this past week? How did it speak to your life?
2. There are there parts of the Bible that are more relevant than other parts, that's for sure. How about for you? Do you find the Bible more relevant or irrelevant to your life? Why do you think that is? What is your biggest obstacle to getting more out of the Bible?
3. Think of a time when Scripture really spoke to you, very clearly, very personally. It might have been a personal devotion or during a sermon. Can you share when that was, what the message was about, and how it was so relevant?
4. Compared to Old Testament Christians, we, of all people, should find the Bible to be relevant. The presence of the Holy Spirit, the coming of Christ in human form, the complete canon of Scripture consisting of 66 books give us an advantage over OT believers. How can these three things help us to get more out of the Bible?
5. Often times when we ask God to remember; we say, "Oh Lord remember so and so or a missionary" meaning we are asking God to remember them or keep them or watch over them". What is it, in particular, that the Biblical authors are asking God to remember? What are we asking God to do when we ask him to remember? How can we better pray for our church, our city, and our non-Christian friends with this new understanding of "remembering"? How can you incorporate more of Scripture into your prayers?

Below are five promises of God in Scripture -- five assurances. Assign a verse to each person and ask each person to pray a short prayer based on the promise found in the verse.

It can go something like this, "Father, you said in your word that when we are tempted, you will provide a way out. Lord when I face temptations to respond in anger at my workplace, show me how the way out. Help me to respond in love and patience so that I may honor and obey you, not sin, and be a witness to my coworkers. Amen."

#### **1. Assurance of Salvation**

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. **(1 John 5:11-12)**

#### **2. Assurance of Deliverance**

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. **(1 Corinthians 10:13)**

#### **3. Assurance of Forgiveness**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. **(1 John 1:9)**

#### **4. Assurance of Answered Prayer**

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. **(Matthew 7:7-8)**

#### **5. Assurance of Guidance**

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. **(Proverbs 3:5-6)**