
Life Group Sermon Based Questions

"A Heart For God" (Psalm 119:129-136) Pastor Peter Yi September 24, 2017

1. Please begin by going through the New City Catechism together. You should be on week 39. Go around and read through the commentary and then read the prayer at the end together.
2. Read through the passage. Recall again the two main sections or divisions. The first was a confession. The second was a prayer. What stands out to you about the confession portion? What about the prayer portion?
3. Can you remember a **recent** experience where a portion of the word of God jumped off the page and into your heart? If you've had such an experience, can you share that with the group?
4. Why is it that it seems that the Bible appears more dead than alive in our interactions with it? Is there a problem with the Bible or is the problem with us -- or both? Explain.
5. Is this a truism? "The more you find the word of God wonderful, the more you will obey it? The less you find the word of God wonderful, the less you will obey it." What can you do to make your view toward the bible more "WONDERFUL?"
6. Let's go to the prayer portion of this passage (132-136). List all the statements that are a prayer in these verses. [answer: Turn to me (132); Have mercy on me (132); Direct my footsteps (133); Let no sin rule over me (133); Redeem me (134); Make your face shine on me (135); Teach me your decrees (135)]
7. What overall feeling or emotion do you sense from the psalmist from his prayer? What do you need to do to echo the same words and emotions, more sincerely in your regular prayer life?

For the next few moments, pray the same words of the psalmist. You can add to them but, pray the seven prayers of the psalmist and personalize it to your own life. For example "Turn to me Lord and reveal your presence to me more right now." "Have mercy on me Lord, for I am a sinner in need of your grace." and so on....

8. What do you think of the statement "Christians are at the same time the weakest and the strongest people on the planet"?
9. Theological Drift. Define it. If this applies to you, share an area in your life where this has happened. How do we keep from drifting?
10. Pray for each other. Pray for our church. Pray for a deeper and more emotional encounter with God and His word. Pray that we would not be ashamed. Pray that our growing confidence in God and his word would lead us to become bolder and gentler witnesses to our friends who still don't know Christ.