



JUNE 29-JULY 4, 2020
SESSION 2: PSALM 119:17-32

HOMEWORK (one hour of your choice)

OPENING THOUGHTS

When was the last time you had great expectations about something that ended up letting you down? (new job, meeting someone you looked up to for the first time, a relationship, etc.)

We've all found ourselves in situations that started out hopeful and have come to leave us feeling disappointed and in need of rejuvenation. In today's session, David finds himself in a similar circumstance.

READ

Psalms 119:17-32

WATCH

Session 2 Video (12 minutes)

ANSWER

(DISCUSSION PREP)

Verse 17

What does David expect from God?

What's wrong with the prosperity gospel? In what ways does it miss the point of the gospel of Jesus?

We could touch on a number of different ways in which the prosperity gospel perverts the gospel of Jesus Christ, but the main one is that it makes the Christian life focused primarily on self rather than Christ. It makes us primary rather than God and His glory. Yet, God tells us to pursue Him with the expectation of receiving His benevolence.

Verses 18-24

How have you experienced the tension between following God's Word and dealing with a sinful world in your own life? What did your prayer life look like during those times?

As you reflect on those times, how did God respond to your circumstances? What have you learned about Him as a result of going through them?



Verses 25-26

David's response to his circumstances was full confession.

What were the practical effects you experienced after confessing sin? How did it influence your relationship with Christ?

In what ways do you practice confession today? What could you do to grow in that discipline in the days ahead?

Verses 27-32

"To believe something is to be transformed by it."
Knowledge does not necessarily lead to transformation.

Where are some areas in your life where you need God to move you from knowledge to belief?

What obstacles stand in the way of you confessing your sin?

How would your life look different if you were to act on the truth you've learned today?

LIVE IT OUT

Pray: As you think about the areas of your spiritual life where you need to move from knowing to believing, invite God to bridge that gap and transform you in such a way that your life reflects what you claim to believe.

Study: Over the course of the next week, devote your quiet time to studying the generosity of God throughout Scripture. Find a handful of passages that describe God's generous heart in order to further shape your understanding of your Heavenly Father.

Confess: If you are hiding sin or keeping secret any doubts or fears you have about your spiritual life, seek out a trustworthy believer and confess those today. Trust that the truth of God's Word will not mislead you.

Ask: If you are in a season of need, boldly ask God to provide for your needs, like David in the passage we studied. Trust that He is a generous Father who gives good gifts and will provide you with whatever you need for sustenance.

Praise: As you reflect on the generosity of God in your life, spend some time each day this week praising God for His gifts to you.

GROUP MEETING

Zoom (Saturday, July 4, 9-10pm)

