

Family Values Part 3  
Message Notes

**Psalm 119:97** Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.

**Psalm 119:98** Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever with me.

**Psalm 119:99** I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes.

**Psalm 119:100** I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts.

**Psalm 119:101-102** I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey your word. <sup>102</sup>  
I have not departed from your laws, for you yourself have taught me.

**Psalm 119:103-104** How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

<sup>104</sup> I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.

**Psalm 119:105** Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

- You choose your teacher in life. It will be God's wisdom on the front end, or consequence on the back end.

**Ephesians 6:11-17** Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against... the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground... Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

- Bible reading is not just a matter of gathering wisdom, but a matter of survival.
- Hope Value #2 **Bible - The Bible is God's Word, the only certain source of truth**. All of it points to Jesus our Savior. As we read and hear God's Word, the Holy Spirit convicts us of sin, reveals God's grace and equips us for wise living. Without regularly reading and applying the Bible, we become spiritually anemic and an easy target for Satan. *Question: Are you regularly reading and applying the Bible?*

Resources:

- Starting Point Lesson #4 "The Bible – God Speaks" for training in Bible reading. [www.hopeinjesus.org](http://www.hopeinjesus.org)
- Bible reading plans and versions for your computer or smartphone: [www.youversion.org](http://www.youversion.org)
- Bible reading accountability and training. Hope Connection Groups - New Testament 90 Group.

Connection Group Questions

1. In your family of origin, what were some of your family values?
2. Confession time: tell about a time when you were rude or unsafe because you received a text message.
3. Read Psalm 1. Describe the life of the righteous person. The wicked person? What is the chief characteristic of the righteous person?
4. Read Psalm 119:97-105. David wasn't a scholar. He was a shepherd turned warrior turned king. He obviously had a lot weighing on his mind. In your opinion, why and how did he find time for this lifestyle?

5. What are the obstacles to you regularly meditating on God's word? Everybody has to name at least two.

6. What are the consequences of not regularly meditating on God's word? What are the rewards of regularly reading God's word? Is it worth overcoming the obstacles you mentioned?