

WARM-UP

- Have you ever gotten lost? What happened? How did you find your way?
- Was there a time you misheard or misunderstood an instruction? How did you figure out what to do?
- Share a time when you thought that something was “too good to be true.” What was it and what did you do?

WORD

⁷The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; ⁸the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes . . . **PSALM 19:7,8**

(Read also **PSALM 19**.)

Psalm 19 is a song of King David, celebrating and glorifying God and His perfect law. David was talking about a law so perfect it was reflected in the glory of the heavens and the design and creation of the sky (Psalm 19:1). God’s law is beautiful and great. David described such beauty as renewing and reviving the soul. In this lesson we will look at some of the many benefits of the Word: it gives us wisdom, it gives us joy, and it enlightens us so that we may walk in His will.

1 God's Word gives us wisdom.

. . . *the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple* . . .

PSALM 19:7

A *testimony* or decree that is sure is certain and can be depended on. God's Word is sure and trustworthy. As we study and apply it, we learn how perfectly His law was designed, so that it orders everything from the stars in the sky to the circumstances in our lives, our families, and even our workplaces, schools, and nations. How has God's Word revealed things to you and given you wisdom? Share a recent example.

2 God's Word gives us joy.

. . . *the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart* . . .

PSALM 19:8

King David described the law of the Lord as right and just, *rejoicing the heart*. When a law is right, it protects those under that law and gives them safety and security. The law of the Lord allows us to clearly understand God's will and follow it, with the greater assurance that it is *right*, relevant to us and our situation. Talk about a time you trusted that God's Word was right for your situation, even when it may not have been obvious. What happened?

3 God's Word enlightens us.

. . . the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes . . . **PSALM 19:8**

When something brings light to our eyes, it leads us, gives us direction, and brings clarity to our surroundings and circumstances. When we read God's Word as it is, meditating on it and applying it, we learn and understand God's heart and will for us. By seeing and understanding more of His will for us, we gain clarity and direction, and obey and apply His Word in our lives. Share about your commitment to read the Word and, as a result, how it gives you clarity and insight every day.

APPLICATION

- How much do you need God's Word every day? This week, how can you reflect on your need for His Word and its beauty? Meditate on Psalm 19 and pray that you would love His Word more and more every day.
- When you read the Word this week, what are you praying to get from it? Do you need the Word to refresh and revive your soul? Do you need clarity and direction? What will you do to prioritize the Word this week, and trust God to reveal Himself to you?
- To whom can you share the wisdom, joy, and understanding you gain through reading and applying God's Word this week?

PRAYER

- Thank God for His Word, which revives your soul and gives you wisdom and joy. Pray that you will go deeper in your love for the Word.
- Ask God for a deeper understanding of His Word and how it is relevant to your every situation and circumstance, no matter how small or how complicated.
- Pray that as you read God’s Word, you will know more of His will and obey Him. Ask God for opportunities to tell others about Him and what He has done for you.

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