

**Next Week's Bible Study:** Psalm 119:169-176

**Summary of Text:** *The Psalmist declares his desire to worship the Lord.*

**Our Doctrine Taught in this Passage:** *Worship:* We celebrate the glory and goodness of God and worship Him for who He is and for what He is doing in our lives. We believe that all humanity was created for the purpose of worship and that the chief end of man is to love God by enjoying Him for all eternity.

**Memory Verse:** May my cry come before you, LORD; give me understanding according to your word. May my supplication come before you; deliver me according to your promise. May my lips overflow with praise, for you teach me your decrees. May my tongue sing of your word, for all your commands are righteous (Psalm 119:169-172).

**Monday:** Read Psalm 119:169-176. How does the Psalmist describe worship in this passage? What does this passage teach about the centrality of worship in our life? For what does the Psalmist ask The Lord? What does this say to us about our own intentionality in worship?

**Tuesday:** Read the passage again. How does the Psalmist implement Scripture in worship? Why is this important? What does Scripture teach us about God's ways? How do His promises inform our worship? Why do you believe Scripture is so important in worship?

**Wednesday:** Read the passage. Why is asking for understanding so important in our meditation and praise? How does Scripture speak to us in this way? Worship is putting God at the center of our hearts. Why is this so important to us? What happens when other things are in the center? Why do we have such a problem with idolatry?

**Thursday:** Read and memorize the memory verse. Why is it so important for us to know His promises? How is worship "singing His word"? What is the effect of singing His promises? How does meditating on His Scripture in this way strengthen our faith?

**Friday:** Spend time in prayer. Read the passage. Quote the memory verse. What does it mean for our lips to overflow with praise? How does the way we talk impact the way we live? How does our praise impact how we feel? Why is it important to know His commands and to see them as righteous?

**Saturday:** Read the passage again. Meditate on its meaning. Write down any new thoughts you have regarding this teaching. Let the Scripture challenge and even change your heart.

**Sunday:** Make today a day of rest and worship. Pray for the right attitude and an open heart and mind today. Come to church.

**Today's Topic:** ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER

**Text:** I Thessalonians 5:11, Romans 12:9-21

**Discussion:** Ask group members to look up and read I Thessalonians 5:11 and Romans 12:9-21.

- ▶ What do you believe it means to be devoted to one another?
- ▶ What does this passage teach us about living in community?
- ▶ Why do you think the Scriptures emphasize how we are to treat one another?
- ▶ What do you think the Scripture mean by, "As far as it is concerned with you, live at peace ..."
- ▶ How are we to bless those who persecute us?
- ▶ How has Christ modeled the way we are to love one another?
- ▶ How does Christian community help us to grow?

**Group Exercise:** Break up into groups of two or three and ask each other the CAUSE questions:

- ▶ Community: Have I invested the proper time in my most important relationships this week? How can I do better?
- ▶ Attitude: Did my life reflect verbal and emotional integrity this week? How can I do better?
- ▶ Understanding: Have I done my Bible readings this week?
- ▶ Spiritual Gifts: Have I used my giftedness to give life to others this week? How can I improve on this?
- ▶ Evangelism: Who is in my life that I am seeking to love to Christ?

**Application:**

- ▶ Do the daily devotionals. Ask God to show you how seek Him more effectively this week.
- ▶ Ask God to teach you the meaning of community at a deeper level in the coming weeks.

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## Prayer Needs

**Hospital:** Cody Sheets, April Davis, Xander Moore, Millie McEver, Frank Boynton, Gordon Gibson

**Grieving:** The families of Richard Thompson (Jeannette Slatky's father); Calvin Webb (Jerry Webb's father); Frank Countryman (Patrick and Scott Countryman's father)