



# Loving God Back: by loving His Word Psalm 119

*Focus: to encourage us to love god back by loving His Word – delighting in it and committing ourselves to it*

## RESOURCES:

Here is a link to a helpful short article on this passage:

[https://  
www.thegospelcoalition.org/  
article/dear-rules-i-love-you](https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/dear-rules-i-love-you)

and here is another one!

[http://www.samstorms.com/all-  
articles/post/sweeter-than-honey-  
to-my-mouth--psalm-119-](http://www.samstorms.com/all-articles/post/sweeter-than-honey-to-my-mouth--psalm-119-)

## 2016 Annual Priority:

*To establish a greater devotion to believing and being shaped by the three great loves embedded in our mission statement's goal of becoming a mature and ministering worshiper of God; love for God, love for the church, and love of neighbor.*

## Discussion:

- OPTION 1: read Psalm 119 aloud in its entirety (this will take about 15 minutes!). Prep. your people by asking them to listen for verses that seem to have special impact for them personally.
- Ask people for their reaction to this Psalm. How did it affect them to hear it read aloud?
- OPTION 2: Have each member of your group read 1-2 sections of the Psalm silently. Have them mark the verse that is most impactful for them and then let each person share.
- Read the following verses about the Psalmist's delight in God's Word: 14-16, 20, 72, 103, 127, 129, 131, 136, 148, 161-163. What makes this kind of delight hard for you? What helps you grow that?
- Of the things mentioned in the sermon that fuel delight, which of them is most needful for you? (read it daily, frame it in love, pray for right desires, meditate on it)
- Read the following verses about the Psalmist's commitment to God's Word: 33-34, 23, 87, 109-110, 60, 62, 147, 164, 101. What makes this kind of commitment hard for you? What helps you grow that?
- What scripture do you want to memorize from Ps. 119?

