

Sermon-based Growth Group Questions
Gathered In, Called Out: Gathered to Center Ourselves on God's Word
October 15, 2023

Introductory Discussion: What from the sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling?

1. According to Psalm 119:105, what purpose does God's word have in our lives?
 - a. According to the verse, How much of the path does God's lamp light up?
2. How often do you interact with the Bible?
 - a. Do you have a time and place set aside for Bible reading?
 - i. If so, what has been your experience and what would you recommend?
 - ii. If not, when would be a good time for you?
3. Why is it important to pray to begin your reading time?
4. What promise does John 14:26 give us?
 - a. Does that mean everything will be supernaturally easy to understand?
 - b. Why not?
 - c. What might you do when something doesn't make sense?
5. Why might journal writing help?
 - a. What kinds of things might you write down?
6. The world around us often talks about "my truth." This can mean everybody has their own truth, or that person is saying they have special access to the truth. How can we know that we are learning God's truth and not just what we want to hear (1 Thessalonians 5:21)?

- a. What does Paul warn us about in 1 Timothy 4:3?
 - i. What causes them to go astray?
 - ii. How can we avoid that?
- 7. What does Psalm 119:11 say will keep you from sinning against God?
 - a. What does it mean to treasure His words?
 - b. How does that guide you?
- 8. Romans 12:2 tells us we need to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. What is wrong with us now that requires transformation?
 - a. What should we expect the Bible to tell us about how WE see the world NOW in order to bring transformation?
 - b. How can you read the Bible in a way to get past your presuppositions so that you can be transformed instead of just confirming what you already know?