

# 5/13/18

Psalm 119:1-8 Aleph

## Reminders

**Valle Crucis** - Monday, 5/28, 9am-5pm. On Memorial Day, you are invited to drive up to Valle Crucis Park to grill out, play at the park, swim in the creek and enjoy a great day at the [Valle Crucis Community Park](#). The park has something for everyone—wide open spaces, 2 kids play areas, a creek to swim in, a track for scooters and bikes, etc. Plus with all the families there, we share watching out for kids. If you have never been, it's an awesome time. Check the City for all the details and to RSVP so we have enough food for everyone.

**Crisis Pregnancy Center Baby Bottles** - One of the local ministries Exodus supports is the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County, which offers training, counseling, and support to both men and women who find themselves involved in an unexpected pregnancy. One way that we support this ministry is by collecting money each year to send directly to them. There are baby bottles in the foyer area that you can pick up and fill with cash or checks. The bottles must be returned by Father's Day, 6/17.

## May Prayer Focus

The prayer focus for May is that we would Give God's Resources. This is taken from Exodus 35 where God's people give God's Resources that had been entrusted to them for the service of God's Mission in the world. Specifically, this was related to the construction of the Tabernacle and its furnishings.

Our desire at Exodus is for the people of God to give out of the cheerful, generous overflow of their hearts in worship of God rather than worship of money. We ask that those who call Exodus Church "home" be faithful and sacrificial in their giving so that we can multiply our ministry and fulfill the mission to which God has called us. This is good for us, as it fosters generosity, and good for the mission of Exodus, as it gives resources to accomplish the mission.

So, as we consider this prayer for our church, here are some ways to pray.

1. That we would give regularly with a generous heart.
2. That we would trust God to provide for our needs.
3. That those who call Exodus home would remain faithful and sacrificial in our giving.

## Remember

Read Psalm 119:1-8

What stands out to you from the passage?

How is God's Word a gift in this passage?

How is Joy found in our obedience to Him in this passage?

# Deepen

Charles Spurgeon called Psalm 119 “a mirror of a gracious heart.” What images does that create in your mind? How does that help you understand the Psalm better?

When you think of Psalm 119:1-8 as the mirror of a gracious heart, what are some areas where you want to see growth in your own life? Read each couplet (2 lines) and discuss.

Psalm 119 uses the following as terms for God’s Word. Find these in Psalm 119:1-8. How do they help you understand the passage better?

- “law” - Covenant Teaching of the Covenant Keeping God
- “testimonies” - what Covenant Keeping God solemnly testifies to be his will);
- “precepts” - what Covenant Keeping God has appointed to be done);
- “statutes” - what the Covenant Keeping God has laid down as law);
- “commandments” - what Covenant Keeping God has commanded);
- “rules” - what the Covenant Keeping God has ruled to be right);
- “word” - what the Covenant Keeping God has spoken.

Which of these are you most prone to kick against? Why?

How are these God’s gifts to us?

Joy is found in our humble obedience to God and His Word. How do we see that in vv. 5-8?

# Transform

What does the word “Those” in v. 1 tell you about the nature of Psalm 119? How can we live that out better?

When you consider the mirror of Psalm 119, what is one way you want to humbly obey God and His Word?

Pray for one another.