

5/20/18

Psalm 119:9-16 Beth

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.

Night Class - Monday, June 4th, from 6:30-7:30pm. Exodus will be holding a class on Family Worship & Discipleship. Details are on the City and you must RSVP on the City for childcare.

Parent/Child Dedication - Father's Day, June 17. We will be having a parent/child dedication on Father's Day. If you are interested in participating, please talk to an elder.

Video Team volunteers - We really, really need more people to volunteer for the video team. Responsibilities include switching and editing slides and being scheduled to serve approximately once a month from 7am-1pm. Training is provided. If you are available and interested, please contact Matthew Lunsford on the City or send an email to info@theexoduschurch.org.

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.

Budget Reminder

Leader: Please read the statement from the elders about giving. Then, spend some time in prayer.

Remember

Read Psalm 119:9-16

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

Psalm 119 uses the following as terms for God's Word. Find these in Psalm 119:9-16. 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.

In v. 9, the writer asks and answers a question. What are some things we learn from this about ourselves and about God's Word?

The writer is being really honest in his prayer. He prays that God would not let him wander away. We sing "Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it. Prone to leave the God I love." How do you experience that?

Read Romans 7:15-8:1. How does this passage mirror your experience walking with Jesus?

Are there particular attacks on the pure way in your life?

Transform

Psalm 119:11-16 provide ways we can keep and guard our way with God's Word.

- Declaring God's Word is a means of storing up His Word in our heart. - v. 13
- Delighting in God's Word is a means of storing up His Word in our heart. V. 14
- Meditating on God's Word is a means of storing up His Word - v. 15.
- Memorizing God's Word is a means of storing up His Word - v. 16.

What are some ways you have discovered to do these things?

How can we encourage one another to do these things?

All of this focus on God's Word is to get us to God - v 10. Why must we keep relationship with God central in our pursuit of His Word?

Close in prayer.