
Psalm 119: 97 - 112 – Lesson 3

Until the canon (the officially approved text of the Scriptures) was sealed in A.D. 367, the Bible was a work in progress. For the psalmist, it consisted of the Law—the first five books of our Bible. *Read Psalm 119:97-112.*

PERSONAL REFLECTION:

- *What difference has the Bible made in your life?*
- *Review your personal history, noting significant milestones and major decisions. To what extent did the Bible affect your choices?*

GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. Describe the psalmist's attitude toward God's law. Which of these do you most identify with and why?
2. According to this passage, what are the benefits of studying God's Word?
3. In what ways can knowledge of Scripture give you more understanding than your teachers (v. 99)?
4. How would you respond if you found yourself in a class where the instructor was teaching things that seemed contrary to God's Word? Consider some strategies for respectfully countering the instructor's position.

5. Think about the imagery in verse 105. What difference does a lamp or light make? For example, what might happen if you found yourself lost in the woods after dark without a light?

6. How does the Bible shine on your path in life? Be specific.

7. According to verses 98, 104 and 107-10, how does God's Word prepare us to face enemies?

8. What enemies are you encountering? How does studying the Bible help you to face them?

9. Describe the ways you are attempting to learn about God's Word at this point in your life.

10. In what ways are the teachings of the Bible a "heritage" for you?

11. If you were to make the same commitment as the psalmist in verses 111-12, what would that involve in practical terms?