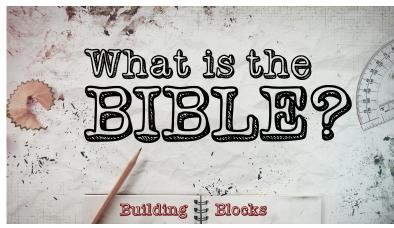
5 • A Light for Our Path

"What is the Bible?" We've uncovered lots of answers to that really important question, but here's what we all need to remember for the rest of our lives: the Bible will only do us good if we pick it up and **USE** it. Kind of like a flashlight...



Psalm 119 is a great place to end our study because it's a long poem all about the word of God. What does it teach us? Here's a few things...

God's word is
Forever, O LORD, your word
is firmly fixed in the heavens. (119:89)
I have seen a limit to all perfection,

but your commandment is exceedingly broad. (119:96)

The sum of your word is ______, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever. (119:160)

God's word leads to what is _____.

I know, O LORD, that your rules are righteous, and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me. (119:75)

Therefore I consider all your precepts to be right;

I hate every false way. (119:128)

Righteous are you, O LORD,

and right are your ______. (119:137)

God's word provides what is _____.

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,

who _____ in the law of the LORD!

Blessed are those who keep his testimonies,

who seek him with their whole heart... (119:1-2)

One of the best ways of thinking about the Bible is...

Your word is a _____ to my feet and a light to my path. (119:105)

Just remember: a "lamp" only does you good if you **use** it! **So let's talk it together...**





For Class & Family Discussion:

Our video talked a little about how amazing Psalm 119 is, with each section (*Aleph*, *Beth*, *Gimel*, etc.) beginning with the same letter in the Hebrew alphabet. What about us? How many letters could we get into the English alphabet to describe God's amazing word? The Bible is... (A? B? C? D? ...)

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- What do you think the psalmist means when he writes, "Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens"? (119:89)
- Are all rules *good* rules? Some rules don't make a whole lot of sense, and they aren't necessarily "right." But Psalm 119:160 tells us, "every one of [God's] righteous rules endures forever." What's the difference between God's rules and some of the rules we come up with? Can you think of a good example of one of God's rules?
- "I know, O LORD, that your rules are righteous, and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me" (119:75). God's rules aren't always the easiest things to hear and think about because they might step on our toes. Can you think of one of God's rules that isn't always easy to follow, but we *need* to follow it because it's good for us?
- Let's open our Bibles back to Psalm 119 and read verse 9 together. What do you think we're being taught in that verse?
- When Psalm 119:105 describes God's word as "a lamp to my feet and a light to my path," what is it really saying? How is this book that we hold in our hands like a "light"?
- We heard a lot in this lesson about God's word only doing us good if we use it. So what is that going to look like for you this week?