



Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: 04/05/2020
DISCUSSION DATE: TBD
TEXT: PSALM 119:65-72

Carl Trueman wrote: “The church is certainly to help people to live, but to live in the shadow of morality.”
What do we need to know about times of affliction?

I. REDEEMING OUR TIME OF AFFLICTION.

A. *Step One: Preach Truth To Ourselves (v.v. 65-66).*

➤ *What is the Psalmist asking God to teach him?*

What conviction is the foundation upon which true prayer is built?

B. *Step Two: Turn From Our Useless Ways (v.v. 67-68).*

➤ *Notice what changed in David’s life through affliction*

Our need for turning from useless ways is rooted in a FOUNDATIONAL REALITY:

Our response to our need and this reality – Is to pray . .

C. *Step Three: Stop Looking For Men’s Approval (v.v. 69-70).*

➤ *How must we respond to the LIES our culture believes and promotes – shaming those who do not join them?*

What is being contrasted in v. 70 and what are we supposed to learn from this?

D. *Step Four: Embrace Affliction As A Good Gift From God (v.v. 71-72).*

ASK GOD FOR WISDOM TO APPLY HIS WORD IN OUR DAILY LIVES

What does God want us to desire/value?	What does God want us to know?	What does God want us to do?
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1. **Read quote from p. 1 from Carl Truman; Psalm 119:50, 75, 92, 107, 153.** What does it mean to live the in shadow of morality? What do we need to know about times of affliction?
2. **Read Psalm 119:65-66; Hosea 4:1, 6.** What do God's servants know about their circumstances? Who qualifies to be referred to as God's servants? What did the Psalmist ask God to do? What happens to people who reject the knowledge of God?
3. **Read Psalm 119:65-66; Ephesians 4:15; 1 Peter 3:14-15.** When God answers the prayer of Psalm 119:66, what are His servants to do? Upon what foundational conviction does this prayer request rest? What did the Psalmist believe? If we really believe like the psalmist, what does that look like in our lives?
4. **Read Psalm 119:67-68.** What enabled David to see his useless ways and repent? How does affliction act like an alarm clock in our lives? What changed in David's life as a result of his experience of affliction? What foundational conviction leads David to examine his ways, repent and change?
5. **Read Psalm 119:66, 68; 1 John 5:14.** What do we know about the prayer request found in Psalm 119:66, 68? What promise is given in 1 John 5:14 and how does this apply to praying like the Psalmist?
6. **Read Psalm 119:69-70.** Why do proud people forge lies? How has our society been transformed as a result of believing lies? How do we protect our hearts/minds from being taken captive by the vain (i.e. rooted in lies) philosophies for living that dominate our culture? What is the whole-hearted devotion of God's servants?
7. **Read Job 12:13; Psalm 1:1; 2:2; 33:10; 73:24-25; Proverbs 12:5; 21:30; Psalm 119:24; Proverbs 11:14.** What do these texts teach us about counsel and counselors?
8. **Read Psalm 119:71-72.** Why do we struggle to believe the truth given to us by the Psalmist (David)? What will we not learn until we can honestly say this? How do we know what delights our heart most? What needs to happen in order for us to live with this shared conviction (i.e. stated in v. 72)?