



Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: 03/29/2020
DISCUSSION DATE: TBD
TEXT: PSALM 119:49-56

Why do we ask people to remember their promises to us?

What is the point of asking God to remember His promises?

I. CAUSED TO HOPE.

A. By Remembering God's Promises To His People (v.v. 49-51).

1. The qualification for experiencing hope, v. 49
2. Our need for hope, v.v. 50-51

B. By Remembering God's Judgments – What He Has Done (v.v. 52-54).

1. Hope filled hearts are enraged when God is dishonored (v. 53)
2. Hope filled hearts find joy in being God's people (v. 54).

C. By Remembering God's Name - He Does Not Change (v.v. 55-56)

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 Psalm 25:6-7; 74:2; 119:49.** Discuss the two questions in the introduction of this message. How does remembering help us to pray (c.f. Matthew 6:9-10)?
2. **Read Psalm 119:49; 1 Timothy 1:1; Titus 2:13-14.** How are we caused to hope? What is the essence of Biblical hope? What does God want us to know about the hope He gives? What is the source of our doubts? Why is Jesus our HOPE? What does hope from Jesus produce in our lives?
3. **Read Psalm 119:49; Ephesians 2:12.** What difference is there in our thinking between being a servant and being a slave? Why is it beneficial for us to know that we belong to God as His slaves? How can we explain to people who are without Christ that they have no meaningful/lasting source of hope with Him?
4. **Read Psalm 119:50-51. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4.** What kind of fruit does pride produce in our lives? Why is it dangerous to think of ourselves as being more spiritual than others? How is Biblical Christianity being derided in our culture? What impact is it having upon God's people? When does derision become crushing or debilitating? How does God bring us comfort in the midst of our afflictions? What are we to do with God's comfort? How do afflictions tempt us to turn aside from God's law?
5. **Read Psalm 119:52.** What judgments of old would David have been remembering? How do we cause ourselves to remember God's acts of kindness to us in the past? Why is it important for us to meditate on the many ways we have experienced God's grace? How does being comforted and/or encouraged relate to having hope?
6. **Read Psalm 119:53.** What do the things that make us angry reveal to us about our priorities? How does our society define wickedness? What does God say characterizes wicked people? Why should we be indignant when God's Word is being forsaken?
7. **Read Psalm 119:54; Romans 5:11; 12:12; 1 Corinthians 13:6; Philippians 4:4; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.** What do joy filled people do to express their joy? What did David sing about? What kind of things are supposed to cause believers to rejoice? What does it look like in our lives to be characterized by rejoicing?
8. **Read Psalm 119:55-56.** What are we to remember when we meditate upon God's name? Which names of God are most precious to you? What is the result of meditating upon the character of God? What did David consider to be a blessing – what now had become his?