

Sermon Based Small Group Guide for February 26, 2023 sermon:
"Jesus and the Law of God"

Warm up:

1. The Old Testament is the only portion of the Bible that existed in Jesus day, and you couldn't own a copy for yourself...you had to go to a synagogue to read it or have it read to you. How has "easy access" to the Bible been a positive and a negative for us?
2. If God has given us His word (the Bible) to challenge and change us, then finding a consistent and meaningful Bible study rhythm is one of the most important things in the Christian life. What tools or methods have been helpful to you?

Digging deeper: (Approx. 30 minutes)

Let's do something different this week...

Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the entire Bible and is all about the power and importance of God's word. How it challenges us, comforts us, encourages us, changes us. There are 27 sections, each approximately 8 verses long.

As a group, take about 30 minutes and read through/discuss as many sections as you can in your time together. If you "go deep", you may only cover a few, and that's okay. For each section, simply answer these questions:

1. What is the attitude or emotion of the author in this section?
2. What spiritual blessing or benefit is being sought?
3. How can God's word help satisfy this desire?
4. Is there any promise or warning to heed?

Apply it: (10 minutes)

One of the things we know from God's word is that He values the love and unity among believers. We are a family and He expects us to act like one and to honor our heavenly Father. Probably one of the most important things you can do as a group this week is to spend time in prayer for our church in this time of transition. Love your church family and support/honor those that God has called to lead you.