

Bible Study Questions

When You Reach the End – Psalm 119:81-96

Focus

Everything in this world will give way and come to an end. On only one thing can we build our lives – the eternal, powerful, and perfect Word of God.

Read

[Psalm 119:81-96](#)

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CCNYC teaching on Psalm 119 which can be found on our [website](#)

As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.

Opening Questions for Review

(The purpose of these opening questions is to review the passage that was recently preached on in order to make sure that everyone understands the basic structure, events, people, and point of the passage.)

1. Work through some basic review questions for this passage – for example:
 - What's the context? (Where are we in the Psalter; the Old Testament; and the Bible as a whole?)
 - What clues are there about the author and his circumstances?
 - Is there a repetition of words or ideas, or the use of any images or metaphors that should be noted?
 - What was the main point or theme of this passage that was identified in Sunday's sermon?
 - What surprises are there in this passage?
2. What questions do you still have about this passage that you'd like to discuss?

Questions for Reflection and Application

(The purpose of these reflection questions is to help each other not just understand what the passage is saying, but to think more deeply about what it means so that we can then accurately apply it to our lives today.)

1. Based off these verses, how would you describe the situation the psalmist is in?

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2. Have you ever been in a situation where you cried out to God 'How long?' as you were waiting on Him to 'comfort you'? What was that like?
3. What can you learn from this man about how to lament to God in a godly way?
4. In what way is the second stanza (verses 89-96) a contrast to the first (verses 81-88)? What has made the difference in this man's life?
5. What do these verses teach you about the nature of God's Word?
6. Taking what you've learned about God's Word, now apply it to your own times of pain and suffering. In what way can God's Word impact you and make the difference for you the next time you're walking through trials?
7. Could God's Word be described as the foundation of your life right now? Why or why not?
8. How have your Bible reading and prayer habits been this past week? Have you been faithfully and consistently engaging with God's Word?
9. Has studying this passage in any way challenged your understanding about who God is and what He's like?
10. In light of studying this passage, is there any behavior or attitude that you need to personally address in your life?
11. How does this passage help you to love, trust, and worship Jesus more fully?