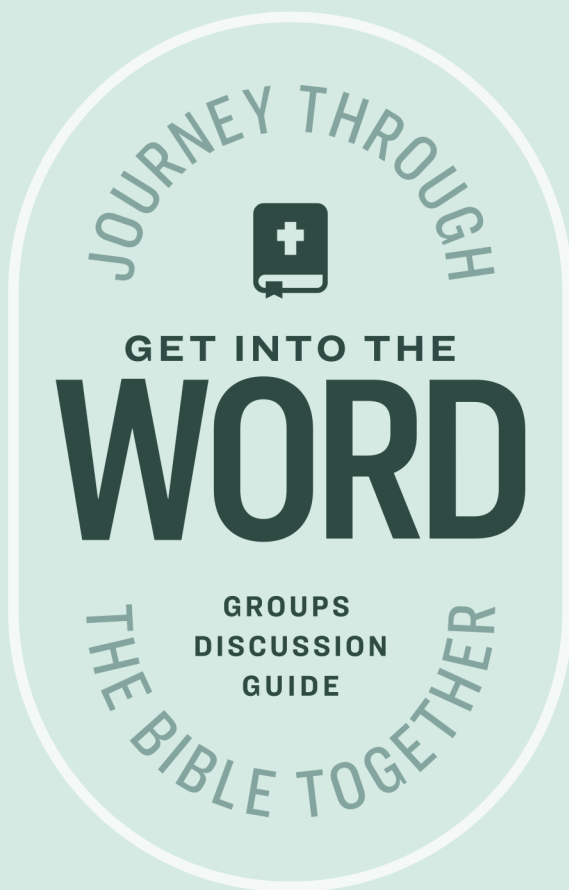




Week of Sunday,
July 26, 2026

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Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

Growing in the MARCS of a disciple every day!

JULY FOCUS - MISSIONAL

Select a question below to ask the group to gauge how you are growing in the MARCS of a disciple.

1. Who did you intentionally engage this week who does not follow Jesus? What was the context?
2. Where did you sense God prompting you to speak or act— and how did you respond?
3. How are your current rhythms (schedule, hobbies, work) helping or hindering mission?

INTRODUCTION

Finishing well in the Christian life doesn't happen by accident. Psalm 119:111–112 shows us a simple but costly path: delight in God's Word and resolve to obey it "to the very end." We have to honestly evaluate where we find joy, what we are truly committed to, and how our daily habits are shaping our future faithfulness. What are specific and practical steps we can take together this week to lean into the Lord and His word?

Psalm

READ ALOUD

Psalm 119:111-112

DISCUSS

Opening Question: When was a time you started something with great enthusiasm but struggled to finish it? What made it difficult to complete?

- How are joy and obedience connected, and how can we persevere in both of these areas?
- How does seeing the Bible's primary role as telling us what Jesus has done rather than what we must do impact your perspective of the Bible?

Have someone read aloud **Daniel 6:7-10**.

- How does consistency help us build long-term faithfulness even when things become difficult?
- What does it mean that, "Obedience doesn't wait for the perfect moment. It threads every moment and demands attention right now."

DISCUSS & APPLY

- How do you create a life of long obedience in the same direction?
- How can focusing on what Christ has done for you help you be faithful in your obedience today?
- What part of scripture brings you a lot of joy, and why?
- If you were to write a resolution for life like those of Jonathon Edwards, what would one of them be? (example: Resolved, to live with all my might, while I do live.)

RESPOND

This week, what is one step of obedience you need to take, and what is one truth about Christ that can encourage you to take that step?

Praying as a Church - Week 26 Prayer Prompts

(Share and pick some to pray through as a group.)

Praise

- Praise God that He is the perfect King whose wisdom and rule never fail. 1 Samuel 8
- Praise God as your faithful Keeper who watches over you day and night. Psalm 121
- Praise God for the Church, the gift of worship, and the privilege of gathering with His people. Psalm 122

Silence and Solitude

Sit in stillness and solitude, reflecting on Psalm 123. Where are your eyes looking? What has your gaze?

Ask - allow the Word to guide your prayer requests.

- Use 1 Samuel 1 to bring your deepest desires before the Lord, just as Hannah poured out her heart to Him in her distress. What burdens, desires, or prayers have you been laying before the Lord, trusting Him with what feels heavy or unfulfilled?
- Use 1 Samuel 2 and 3 as a prayer for spiritual leaders, asking God to raise up godly men and women who lead with integrity, walk in truth, and remain faithful to His Word.
- Ask God to help you be attentive to His voice and to cultivate a heart that responds like Samuel, saying, "Here I am," to whatever He has planned for you. 1 Samuel 3

Lament - what has grieved you as you have read the Word?

- Confess where prayer has been missing in your life. Ask God to make your heart dependent on Him through prayer. (1 Samuel 1-2)
- Lament the ways you have placed your trust in people, systems, or circumstances instead of God; The times when you want someone else to rule other than God. 1 Samuel 8
- Confess the times you have wandered from God's ways or neglected what His Word says. Psalm 119

Mission

- Use 1 Samuel 8 to pray over our elected leaders, asking God for their salvation. Pray that they would seek wisdom beyond themselves, resist corruption, and lead in ways that honor God and serve people well.
- Pray for our LH partner, Grace Place, as they expand their ministry to serve more women and children in our community who are in desperate need of hope.
- Pray for the Lezgin people of Azerbaijan. The Lezgin people are a people known for their high regard for family and hospitality. Pray that the God of hospitality would arrive at their door with the good news of the Gospel.

Here are some questions you can discuss with the whole family.

Psalm 119:111-112

What are some ways God has shown His love for us?

For little kids, ask them to name things God has done for them (family, food, Jesus) and thank God together. For older kids, ask them to read a short verse with you and list what God has already done in that verse before talking about any command in it.

What does it mean to obey God's word faithfully?

For little kids, ask them to share a time they tried to obey even when it was hard. Connect that to obeying God. For older kids, ask when it feels hardest to obey God (friends, online, at school) and discuss one real situation this week where they could choose to follow God.

How does God's word bring us joy and comfort?

For little kids, ask what their favorite treasure or toy is, and then explain that the Bible is even more special because it shows us who God is and how much He loves us. For older kids, ask what they turn to for comfort or guidance (friends, phone, hobbies) and talk about how God's Word can become their first place to go.

GET INTO THE WORD

A YEAR-LONG JOURNEY THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT

Week 26

- Ruth 4 / Psalm 119:153-176
 - 1 Samuel 1 / Psalm 120
 - 1 Samuel 2 / Psalm 121
 - 1 Samuel 3 / Psalm 122
 - 1 Samuel 8 / Psalm 123
- MEMORIZE: Daniel 6:26-27
Daniel 9:19

Other Resources

BEMA Discipleship Podcast - Creating a Space, Spiritual Disciplines

Marty Solomon and Brent Billings discuss the importance of [creating a space](#) with Lord in light of the teaching on the tabernacle.

WATCH

The Bible Project's Guide - Psalms

See a collection of videos, classes, and articles that dives into [Psalms](#) and its themes.

The Bible Project's Guide - Ruth

See a collection of videos, classes, and articles that dives into [Ruth](#) and its themes.

What's going on at Long Hollow

- [Summer Prayer Nights](#) - May 27 - August 5, 6:30 PM, Hendersonville Chapel
- [Reaching the Nations Next Door Training Day](#) - August 1, 9AM-2PM Hendersonville Student Building
- [Group Leader Summit](#) - August 2, 5 PM - 7:45PM Hendersonville Worship Center
- [Nashville Men's Conference](#) - August 8, 9 AM- 3PM Belmont Curb Arena
- [1st Grade Bible Presentation](#) - August 14 during services Hendersonville Worship Center

Starting a D-Group

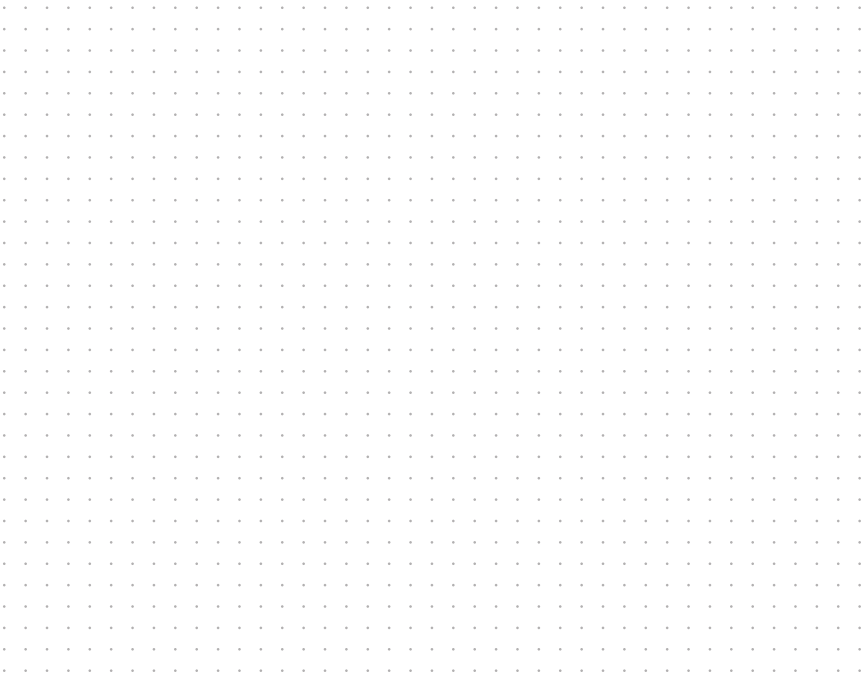
If you or someone you know would like to start a D-group, we have everything you need, including reading plans, journals, and a launch guide to walk you through the first four meetings.

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What’s Going On?

Psalms 119 is a carefully crafted poem about the beauty and power of God’s Word. It’s an acrostic, built around the Hebrew alphabet, with each section starting with a new letter. Nearly every verse mentions God’s Word using terms like “law,” “statutes,” “commands,” and “promise.”

Verses 111–112 sit in a section that stresses delight and determination: delight in what God has said, and determination to obey it for life. The sermon uses this to connect joy, “Your decrees are my heritage forever,” with firm resolve, “I am resolved to obey...to the very end”, showing that lasting obedience flows from a heart captured by God’s goodness.



A Bit of Background

Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible. It was written by someone who deeply loved God's Word and wanted to obey Him in every part of life. We don't know exactly who wrote it, some people think it might have been David or someone from his time, but it clearly comes from a believer surrounded by pressure, trouble, and opposition.

Enemies mock him, rulers threaten him, and yet he keeps turning back to God's Word for comfort, direction, and strength. Verses 111–112 are used to show that God's Word is not a burden, but a "joyful inheritance," and that obedience is not short-term; it reaches "to the very end," even when life is hard.



I have your decrees as a heritage forever;
indeed, they are the joy of my heart.
I am resolved to obey your statutes
to the very end.

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Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

MISSIONAL

Engaging with the world to share the Gospel intentionally.

ACCOUNTABLE

Being transparent with Christ and other believers about your walk.

REPRODUCIBLE

Disciples who make disciples; the mentee becomes the mentor.

COMMUNAL

Living in deep community with other believers; never alone.

SCRIPTURAL

Grounded in the Word of God as the ultimate authority.



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