

Sermon Growth Guide

November 24, 2024 Word of God – The Word is My Lamp Psalm 119:89-105

Key Verse: "You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me." John 5:39 **Big Idea:** Jesus is the Word made flesh.

Foundations

Jesus made a stunning claim. He said very clearly that the entire canon of Scripture is there to do one thing and one thing only—to point us to him!

Jesus Christ is the Word of God incarnate. "The Word took up flesh and dwelled among us" (John 1:14). Jesus Christ should be read off every single page of Scripture. Tim Keller would say that every page speaks of Jesus.

Without the Word, we sat in silence. Without the Word, we sat in darkness. Give thanks for the Word of God we hold in our hands and how it leads us to the Word of God incarnate, our Savior Jesus Christ!

Understanding God's Word

Take a look at John 5:39-40.

Imagine that you were a devout Jew, listening to Jesus as he spoke these words. What might you be thinking? What might you be feeling?

Applying God's Word

How can a deep knowledge of Scripture lead to missing its true meaning? In what ways might we be tempted to put traditions, rules or human interpretations of Scripture over a relationship with Jesus? How can we ensure that our study of Scripture draws us closer to him?

Witnessing God's Word

No matter what part of the Bible you read this week, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal Jesus as you read. Be watchful and reflective as you live out His teachings to experience His transforming power.