



**Vintage Values: Committed to the Word of God**

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**1. Central was \_\_\_\_\_ on the Word.**

*(2 Tim 3:16-17; Matt 4:4, 7:24; Col 3:16; Heb 4:12; Jas 1:22; Lk 11:28)*

**3. Central will be \_\_\_\_\_ to the Word. *(James 1:21-25)***

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**2. Central has been \_\_\_\_\_ by the Word. *(John 1:1, 14)***

## Midweek Small Group Discussion:

### Psalm 119

In our second week of the Vintage Values series, Kyle talked about the importance of God's Word in the founding of our church, and for the future of our church. In what ways did Kyle's message impact the way you think or feel about the Bible?

This discussion will include portions of Psalm 119. Here are a few facts that you (or may not!) find interesting:

The psalm is constructed of 22 stanzas of 8 lines each. It is arranged alphabetically, all 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet placed sequentially by stanza. Within each stanza, all 8 verses begin with the corresponding letter of the Hebrew alphabet.

The psalm is concerned entirely with the Law of God, the Torah. Scanning over Psalm 119, what words (in addition to Law and Torah) are used as synonyms for God's Word?

Read John 1:1, 14. How is Jesus the fulfillment of God's Word?

Read the following stanzas of Psalm 119. Then read them a second time, but substitute the name of Jesus any time you come upon a term that refers to God's Word (i.e. statutes, decrees, word, etc...)

- Psalm 119:9-16
- Psalm 119:105-112
- Psalm 119:161-168

How does inserting the name of Jesus into Psalm 119 change the way you interpret what the psalmist is saying? What new insights do you have as a result of reading the stanzas in this way?

How do you currently interact with God's Word? i.e. – devotional readings, Bible Reading Plan, podcasts, church services, etc.

What (if anything) do you find energizing about reading or studying the Bible? What do you find to be most draining when you think about reading or studying the Bible?

When you read the Bible or hear it being taught, do you find it easy to apply to your life? Why or why not?

Do your coworkers, family members, or peers view the Bible as authoritative? How does that impact the way you share your faith with them?

Read Psalm 119:105. As Central celebrates our history and also marches into the future, how can God's Word be like a lamp to our feet that gives us daily direction? How could God's Word shine like a light so that we see the path God has for us years from now?

Read Matthew 7:24; Luke 11:28; James 1:22. What is a common theme among these three verses? Which aspects or portions of the Bible do you find most difficult to obey? Which seem to be the most natural for you to obey?

Read Colossians 3:16. How would you describe what it means for God's Word to "dwell" in you?

Beginning this week, what would be one way you can take in God's Word so that it leads to greater obedience?