



SUMMIT
— C H U R C H —
DIRECTION FOR THE JOURNEY



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

January 19, 2025 | Charting the Course: Week 3

Memory Verse *Psalm 119:105* "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."



CLOSER TOGETHER _____

1. What would you say are *your* three most important supplies to pack on a camping trip?
2. Can you identify any constellations in the sky? Which ones?



MESSAGE REFLECTION _____

1. Share something from the service or message that stood out to you, inspired you, or encouraged you.
2. Read **Psalm 119:97-105** together. What jumps out at you from this passage?
3. Have you been faced with a decision where the path forward seemed difficult to see? How did you navigate that decision?
4. Share how God's word has been a light to your path.
5. What is the difference between God's plan and his path?
6. When have you seen God's word misused or taken out of context either personally or publicly?
7. Why is regular study of God's word so vital in your discipleship journey? (read **2 Timothy 3:15-17**, **Psalm 119:9,11** together for clues)
8. How are commands and principles different? Why should you consider **both** God's commands and his principles when making decisions?
9. Read **Psalm 119:89**, **Isaiah 40:8**, **Matthew 24:35** together. How does trusting in God's unchanging word help give you confidence in your decisions?



GOING DEEPER _____

READ James 1:19-25 together.

1. What is something from this passage that stands out to you?
2. Why should *listening* to God's word always precede *doing* when it comes to following God's path for your life?
3. How can constant argumentative anger cause you to miss God's will?
4. What prepares you to be able to accept God's word in your life? (v 21)
5. What is the best method for intentionally putting into practice what you read or hear from God's word?
6. What are the four reasons for blessing in the life of a person who listens and does what God's word says? (v 25)
7. Describe the freedom you've experienced from following God's word.



LIVING IT OUT _____

1. Commit to reading God's word **consistently** this week. If you're not in the habit of doing so, set aside 15-20 minutes each day and read through the entire book of **Mark** (about 2-3 chapters per day). During your reading, write down one thing you can apply to your life and do it. If you'd like a year-long reading plan, check out **fivedaybiblereading.com** (scroll to the bottom for the downloadable plan).

2. Utilize a resource to deepen your understanding of the Bible as you read.

Online: blueletterbible.com or biblegateway.com

Paper: Study Bible (*NIV Life Application study Bible*), commentary (*NIV application Commentary*) or topical index Bible (*Nave's Topical Bible*)



LIFT EACH OTHER UP _____

Take time to pray for each other.