

DISCUSS

What does David ask for in verses 169–170?

In what form does he ask for these to be given?

When have you prayed a prayer similar to David's? How did you see God respond?

How do you work to differentiate between worldly wisdom and the wisdom of God?

What could you do to be more intentional about pursuing God's wisdom as you make decisions in the future?

How do verses 171–172 indicate God's Word shapes David's praise?

How do you feel about reading the Old Testament? Does it create in you the same kind of joy David writes about as the New Testament? Why or why not?

What are some of the obstacles that stand in the way of allowing God's Word to shape your praise?

What do you think about this statement from Matt: "God is never trying to take anything from us, He's trying to give to us"? Do you see God's commands as leading to joy? Or do you tend to see them as restrictive?

What would have to change for you to praise God for His Word like David?

How do verses 173–175 reveal a longing on the part of David for a deeper intimacy with God through His Word?

Who have you known that longs for God with a "holy dissatisfaction"? How has their relationship with Christ impressed upon you?

What would it look like for you to grow in your longing for God and His Word? How could you begin pursuing that longing in the days ahead?

What is David confessing in verse 176?

How do you react to your own failures to obey God's Word? What does your response tell you about your view of God?

Who does Jesus say He came to save in Luke 19:10?

What did Matt say believing in Jesus does for our inconsistencies?

How should this truth change the way you respond to your own shortcomings? What will you do differently when confronted with your failures in the future?

LIVE IT OUT

Pray: Over the course of this week, ask that God would give you a holy dissatisfaction toward the things of the world and continue to create an appetite in your for Christ alone.

Invite: If you are in the process of thinking through a decision, reach out to 2–3 trusted believers and ask them for wisdom. Invite them to help you discern what is spiritual wisdom and what is earthly wisdom and trust God to lead you as a result.

Study: Pick a book of the Old Testament that you don't know well and commit to studying it over the next several weeks in order to begin familiarizing yourself with the parts of Scripture that remain alien to you.

Memorize: Commit to memory Luke 19:10 and let the truth that Jesus came to seek and save the lost encourage you when you identify failures and shortcomings in your life.

Worship: Spend time meditating on the ways God has extended His grace to you through Jesus Christ and worship Him for the goodness of His gospel and the lengths He has gone to in order to save you.