

Psalm 19 “The Sweetness of the Book” TACC, October 26, 2014

“We are on the outside of the world, the wrong side of the door. We discern the freshness and purity of morning, but they do not make us fresh and pure. We cannot mingle with the splendours we see. But all the leaves of the New Testament are rustling with the rumour that it will not always be so. Someday, God willing, we shall get in.” C. S. Lewis

The sweetness of the book is that it gives real life. John 1:1-18; Colossians 1:15-20; Hebrews 1:1-3

It’s o.k. to be needy. What we need and what it gives.

1. God and His Gospel, as revealed in the Word, is the answer to all our longings, Psalm 19:7-10.
 - A. Life/spiritual energy/light instead of darkness: it is the only source of life giving truth, Proverbs 19:7a.
 - B. Hope: God’s promises provide wisdom for living, Proverbs 19:7b.
 - C. Joy and happiness: the Bible’s instructions are clear and right causing great joy, Proverbs 19:8a.
 - D. Calm: His worldview is rock solid, Proverbs 19:8b.
 - E. Someone bigger than us. Awesome reverence is the glue of life, Proverbs 19:9a
 - F. Completeness: sufficient and sure guide to everything, Proverbs 19:9b.

To sum up: David tells us that God’s Word is precious, pleasurable, protective, and profitable, Proverbs 19:10-11

2. We repent and worship in response, Psalm 19:11-14; Isaiah 6:1-8.

Community Group Discussion Guide

1. Share with the group what you read in the Bible this week and how it helped.
2. There are four words that we use to describe the Bible's essential character. They are sufficiency, clarity, authority and necessity? What do these terms mean when describing the Bible?
3. Are there any situation in life that the Bible doesn't give counsel on?
4. Why is repentance the response of David to reading the Bible?
5. Read Isaiah 6:1-8. Talk about the sequence of events. Is Isaiah promised success? Why does he volunteer?
6. How does the Bible revive your soul? Talk about the mechanics of the reviving?