

# Sermon Based Small Group: Engaging God's Life-Giving Word

## Base Camp 2: Psalm 19:7-11

### Introduction

- Tell your cold-weather stories? Does anyone have an escape plan?
- Did you take the Base Camp survey? Go to [erbc.ca/basecamp](http://erbc.ca/basecamp)

### Read Psalm 19:7-11

- **The Law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. *Psalm 19:7***
- Is your Base Camp getting better? What steps are you taking to be more intentional in growing your Base Camp?
- Wouldn't it be nice if every day with Jesus was sweeter than the day before?
  - What days are not better?
  - David acknowledges that there will be days that are less than perfect.
  - Are you in a season of sweeter days? Days of hardship?
- There is a place to be restored and it is God's Word!
- The next section reviews the main points of Sunday's sermon. As you go through each point try a few things:
  - Connect the point to the Psalm. Does the Psalmist make the point?
  - Do you use this approach; sometimes, usually, or...?
  - Is it helpful?

### To experience God's Word as life-giving, you need the right disposition.

- What are your default feelings towards God's word?
- We approach it humbly.
  - We are not the center of the universe.
  - God's Word is the authority and it is true.
  - First question: What does this mean? This is where life is.
- We approach it relationally
  - These words: pure, sure, right, perfect; do not only describe God's Word, but they also describe God.
  - God's Word defines who Jesus is. Without that Jesus tends to look like me.
  - The Scriptures are more than do's and don'ts, it is a place to meet Jesus.
- We approach it expectantly.
  - Is God's Word good? It is life-giving?
  - God's way is not just right, it is good (great reward, more than gold).
  - Can God through His Scriptures search me? It can be both **soothing** and **sharp**, but both revive.
- God renews us for his word, and God renews us through his word.

- Do you need to reframe your approach to God's Word?
- Are there any attitudes you need to get rid of?
- Are there any attitudes that need to be renewed?

## S.O.A.P.

- We were given an approach to reading God's Word. At Ellerslie, we often use REAP (Read, Explore, Apply, Pray) or SOAP (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer). Talk about each step.
  - If you want to explore these approaches to God's Word, you can check out <https://erbc.ca/spiritual-practices/> for these and other resources
- Scripture
- Observation
  - What stands out to you?
  - What does this teach me about what is good or bad?
  - What does this teach me about God?
- Application
  - What is one thing you could do this week?
- Prayer
  - Is there something in the Scripture that moves you (ACTS)?
  - Does it inform you how to pray?
- God's Word renews our desires as we read it.
- We need a **perspective** and a **directive**. How is each one of these important?

## Getting Personal

- This series is more than teaching. It is designed to specifically to change how each of acts. It is designed to build up our Base Camp. We want to do it together.
- Are you going to read through the Bible in a year!
- Think about today's discussion. How does this work for you? Do you have a system that you use?
- What are your distractions? How are you getting rid of them? In what ways can you remove distractions from your basecamp time?
- Everyone is wired differently. We will not always do this the same way.

## Base Camp Patterns

- Bible Reading
  - Finding Consistent Time
  - Practical tools (REAP, SOAP)
  - A Reading Plan to engage with
- Prayer
  - What is your framework?
  - Diving into prayer during next weeks sermon
- Memorizing, Journalling, Triads

- What is your next step this week? This month? This year?

## **Prayer**

- Pray that God would build up your Base Camp.