

LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION NOTES

Psalm 119:24 (NIV)

Your **statutes** are my delight; they are my **counselors**.

Read the Bible looking for principles, not commands.

Principle: a timeless truth

Principles:

- You reap what you sow.
- You will become like the people you spend time with.
- Unconditional love is the most powerful force on the soul.
- You were created for a purpose.
- Purity leads to intimacy.

1. Who taught you most of what you know about the Bible? Why do you think about the Bible the way you do? Who influenced the way you think about the Bible?

2. When you think about the Bible, what do you think about first? The stories, the wisdom, the rules, the prophecies?

3. What are some principles that stand out to you as some of the most important principles in the Bible?

1 Samuel 24:4-7

⁴ "Now's your opportunity!" David's men whispered to him. "Today the Lord is telling you, 'I will certainly put your enemy into your power, to do with as you wish.'" So David crept forward and cut off a piece of the hem of Saul's robe. ⁶ He said to his men, "I shouldn't attack the Lord's anointed one, for the Lord himself has chosen him." ⁷ So David restrained his men and did not let them kill Saul.

Principle: Don't replace what God put in place.

4. How can we know when coincidences are signs from God and when they are simply coincidences? Why did David's men see Saul's vulnerability as a sign from God, but David resisted the temptation to kill Saul?

5. Can you think of a time that a guiding principle of Scripture helped you make a decision or can you think of any hypothetical situations where a principle can keep you from allowing emotions, input, and circumstances to lead you astray?

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