

## Devotement | A Call To...Bible Study | Psalm 119:9-16

- 1. As you think back at the four themes of our 'Devotement' series, (Remember, Worship, Prayer, Bible Study), has there been one theme which has been most challenging or significant for you? Are there areas of your faith journey you would like to hear teaching on in Part 02 of 'Devotement'...? It's coming later this year.
- 2. Do you have a favourite Scripture verse or story? Why are you drawn to it?
- 3. If you had never read verse 9b, how would you immediately respond to the Psalmists question in verse 9a? Is the Psalmists answer still relevant today or is it an answer only of it's time?
- 4. Can you think of an occasion when Scripture has shaped the decisions you have made consciously or even subconsciously? Share.
- 5. Seek (v10). Discuss how 'seek' is an active word demanding a proactive, non-reluctant, response. Does this word define your own heart-engagement with the things of God? How might you grow in this regard? Share tips and encouragements with each other.
- 6. Hide (v11). What, do you think, does the Psalmist mean? How does one 'hide' the Word in our hearts? Does, in the words of Spurgeon, 'the very essence of the Bible flow' from you in your blood?
- 7. Ponder (v15). The Psalmist is passionately pursuing God by investing time in God's Word. Share what resources and life choices, if any, you are using to meditate on the things of God?
- 8. How do we avoid Bible study becoming a dead ritual? Have you ever found yourself in this place...? How did you/will you escape?
- 9. Research reveals that people who read the Bible score higher in the traits of spiritual maturity than those who rarely or never read the Bible. Discuss. What steps will you take today so that you benefit even more from Bible study?
- 10. Spend some time praying together. You may even want to ask God if he has a Word of Scripture for someone or everyone in your group?