

### WARM-UP

- Recall a time when you met a famous or prominent person. How did you feel and talk to the person?
- When something important or troubling happens to you, who is one person you want to talk to or call right away? Why?
- What is the best advice you have given to a friend? How did your friend respond to you?

**WORD** *<sup>43</sup>And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, for my hope is in your rules. . . . <sup>46</sup>I will also speak of your testimonies before kings and shall not be put to shame . . .*

**PSALM 119:43, 46**

(Read also **PSALM 119:41-42, 44-45, 47-48.**)

God's word is not just meant to be thought of, read, or understood. It is meant to be spoken and heard—benefiting us personally and corporately. The word of God is powerful when it is preached, proclaimed, and prophesied. We are to testify of God's work and faithfulness to others. In this lesson, we will look at how the Psalmist viewed and spoke of God's word—as a source of hope, truth, and boldness.

# 1 | The word of God is our answer to the challenges and questions we face.

*<sup>41</sup>Let your steadfast love come to me, O LORD, your salvation according to your promise; <sup>42</sup>then shall I have an answer for him who taunts me, for I trust in your word. PSALM 119:41-42*

Every difficult situation is an opportunity for us to put our faith in and declare God's word. The Psalmist could give an answer to what he was facing through God's word. Every challenge and question we face will find their answers in the word of God. How do you know you trust something? What does trusting in God's word look like?

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# 2 | Through God's word, we speak truth.

*<sup>43</sup>And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, for my hope is in your rules. <sup>44</sup>I will keep your law continually, forever and ever, <sup>45</sup>and I shall walk in a wide place, for I have sought your precepts. PSALM 119:43-45*

The Psalmist knew the benefits of speaking God's word—its truth gives us hope, sustains us, and allows us to walk in freedom and security. Knowing that His word never fails, we have the confidence to stand on and speak God's truth. In the New Testament, how did Jesus respond to and overcome the lies of the enemy (Matthew 4:4)?

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## We speak God's word even to kings, and we will not be put to shame.

*<sup>46</sup>I will also speak of your testimonies before kings and shall not be put to shame, <sup>47</sup>for I find my delight in your commandments, which I love. <sup>48</sup>I will lift up my hands toward your commandments, which I love, and I will meditate on your statutes. PSALM 119:46-48*

God's word has great value and is not something to be ashamed of. When we speak His word to others—even to kings and those in authority—we will not be put to shame. On our own, we may feel unqualified or unable. But in Christ, we can be unafraid and unashamed to preach the gospel because of Christ's finished work on the cross. How does Hebrews 4:12 describe God's word? How does it work?

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The word of God is to fill our words. As we learn and meditate on God's word, may we also be empowered to speak His truth to those around us.

### APPLICATION

- Take some time this week to evaluate the words you speak. What is it based on? How can you speak the word in growing measure?
- Commit Psalm 119:46-47 to memory: *I will also speak of your testimonies before kings and shall not be put to shame, for I find my delight in your commandments, which I love.* Repeat it several times and make it your prayer this week.
- To whom do you think you need to speak God's word this week? What is your message and the source of assurance?

