BEYOND SUNDAY WEEK ONE

There may not be a better tribute to the Holy Scriptures than the one that is provided in Psalm 119. Every verse in Psalm 119 exalts the Word of God and the God of the Word. During this 10-week summer series, **Finding The Way**, we get back to the basics of allowing Scripture to help us grow in gratitude, awe, and dependence on God and His Word. In doing so, we believe it will guide us in the best way we should go in whatever comes our way. **This week**, we focus on how there is the promise of a blessing for us if we follow His Word.

- 1. Have you ever gone on a big extended journey that has changed your life? What was it and how did it change you?
- 2. This summer, we want to offer you the opportunity to go on a journey through the longest chapter in the Bible Psalm 119. In doing so we hope that you will grow in gratitude, awe, and dependence on God and His Word. Which of those words gratitude, awe, or dependence do you want more of when it comes to God and His Word? Explain why.
- Read through <u>Psalm 119:1-8</u>. What is this saying about how to experience the "a blessed life?" **Note:** To be blessed is not being trouble-free, but to be fully satisfied, to have what you need. So what is the psalmist saying he needs in order to experience it?
- 4. Read through <u>Psalm 119:9-16</u>. If one way of describing Finding The Way is staying on the path to purity. How is the psalmist saying this is accomplished? (**Note:** all the "I" statements). Which one stands out to you the most?
- **5.** Summarize: What do these 16 verses say about God? So what does this mean for your life?
- 6. Reflect: Which of these words have you grown most in during this session: Gratitude, Awe, or Dependence?