

## BEYOND SUNDAY WEEK THREE

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 in Psalm 119:33-48, we focus on how finding the way involves persistent dependence on God*.

- Think back to a time when your persistence in being connected with another person changed your life. (Maybe it was a coach, teacher, mentor, friend, etc.) What characterized your efforts?
- 2. Read <u>Psalm 119:33-37</u>. What words of the psalmist characterize persistent dependence on God? Where do you see the pleading and the desire to follow in God's way?
- **3.** Read <u>Psalm 119:38-42</u>. What is the psalmist depending on God to do? Are any of these similar to what you need from God? How do you feel about God being trustworthy to follow through?
- **4.** Read <u>Psalm 119:43-48</u>. Again, what words of the psalmist characterize persistent dependence on God? Where is his hope? How is he choosing to live? What does he delight and love the most?
- **5.** Persistent dependence is characterized in pleading, turning, hoping, living, and delighting when it comes to our relationship with God, plus trusting He will fulfill His promises to us. So which of these characteristics are the hardest and which are easiest for you?
- 6. **Reflect:** Write a prayer to God that includes as many of these words as possible: gratitude, awe, dependence, plead, turn, hope, live, delight, fulfill, trust.