

## Psalm 119:81-96

### Open It:

1. When you go through difficult times, what are the questions that you ask? Is it okay to ask God questions?

This is the third week where we see the Psalmist in a difficult place. He is still in the middle of his suffering, and yet he doesn't lose hope, and he keeps holding on. Chales Spurgeon says of this stanza (v.81-88), ***"This octave is the midnight of the psalm, and very dark and bleak it is. Stars, however, shine out, and the last verse gives promise of the dawn."***

### Explore It:

#### Read Psalm 119:81-88 *Kaph*

2. Describe the psalmist's condition in v. 81-88?
3. What does it mean his soul faints with longing? Have you ever felt this way? How did you respond? Where did you put your hope?
4. Why is he in this condition (v. 85-87)?
5. What questions does he ask God?
6. What is the psalmist's desire despite what he is experiencing?
7. Why is God's Word worth putting one's hope in?

8. What attributes of God does the psalmist choose to focus on in these verses?

**Read Psalm 119:89-96 *Lamedh***

9. What attributes of God does the psalmist choose to focus on in these verses?

10. What is the significance of God being eternal?

11. What comfort can we take in God's character, especially during difficult times?

12. What would have happened to the psalmist if he hadn't delighted in God word?

13. How have you experienced this same truth in your own times of affliction or difficulty?

14. Instead of focusing his thoughts on the wicked, where does he choose to focus his thoughts? During difficult times, where does your brain tend to park?

15. What does boundless mean?

**Apply It:**

16. At the beginning of the passage we studied, the Psalmist is asking questions of God. Ultimately the issue boils down to the fact that he doesn't feel God is answering fast enough. How do you respond to waiting periods? How can you cling to the Lord's Word in the waiting?

17. During a difficult time, what attributes of God do you cling to most?

18. What are practical ways you can ponder God's statutes especially during hard times?

**Homework:**

Hard times will happen. How we respond to those hard times is what matters. Although not speaking specifically about hard times, Paul gives great exhortation in Philippians 4:4-9. What can you apply to your specific situation?

***"When we reach out to God in obedient faith, His comfort is always available. The pain may continue, but God's comfort is there."*** Charles Spurgeon