

# SERMON NOTES

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**Date:** April 23, 2017

**Speaker:** Thad Bergmeier

**Title:** The Bible and Holiness

**Text:** Psalm 119:9-16

**Big Idea:** God's Word is the Best Safeguard Against Sin

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## 1. The Bible Produces Purity (vs. 9-11)

a. We stay pure by keeping our life according to God's Word.

b. We stay pure by seeking God with all our heart.

c. We stay pure by treasuring God's Word.

## 2. The Bible Produces Dependence (vs. 12-14)

## 3. The Bible Produces Confidence (vs. 15-16)

# STUDY GUIDE

For the Week of April 23, 2017  
Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

## REVIEW THE SERMON

Read Psalm 119:9-16. Identify all the action words used to describe the way you should act toward God's word. What does this tell you about the value you ought to place on God's Word in your daily life (cf. Psalm 19:7-11)? \_\_\_\_\_

What three outcomes should God's Word produce in your life? \_\_\_\_\_

## ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Though God's Word is your best safeguard against sin, it requires some work on your part. How deeply rooted is your heart in God's Word on a practical level (cf. Psalm 1:1-3)? What are you currently doing to cultivate a deeply rooted heart? \_\_\_\_\_

How does your level of rootedness in God's Word influence your level of fruitfulness for God's work? What practical difference is God's Word making in the way you live? \_\_\_\_\_

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## APPLY THE TRUTH

How are the three products of God's Word in your life related? For example, how does the *purity* God's Word produces relate to the *dependence*? How does the *dependence* relate to the *confidence*?

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Of these three products, which one do you need to grow in most? Explain why you need to grow and how you think you can make progress in this area with God's help. \_\_\_\_\_

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## COMMIT THIS WEEK

Verse 11 talks about how storing up (or hiding) God's Word in your heart can keep you from sin. Choose a specific sin struggle in your life and a verse you're going to memorize this week to help keep you from it. \_\_\_\_\_

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