

2024/2025 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

3RD YEAR OF A 3-YEAR BIBLE STUDY

PSALM 119:113-176



I rejoice at Your word
As one who finds great treasure.

Psalm 119:162

Our Theme Verse this year:

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Psalm 119:162**

In the evil times, we have to fight hard for divine truth. Every doctrine costs us a battle. But when we gain a full understanding of eternal truth by personal struggles, it becomes doubly precious to us. If we have uncommon battling for the Word of God, may we have for our spoil a firmer hold upon the priceless Word!

Perhaps the passage means that the psalmist rejoiced like someone who comes upon hidden treasure for which he has not fought. In this case, we find the analogy in the man of God who, while reading the Bible, makes grand and blessed discoveries of the grace of God stored up for him – discoveries which surprise him, for he had not looked to find such a prize. Whether we come by the truth as finders or as warriors fighting for it, the heavenly treasure should be equally dear to us. With quiet joy the plowman slips home with his golden find! How victors shout as they share the plunder! How glad that person should be who has discovered his portion in the promises of Holy Scripture and is able to enjoy that portion for himself, knowing by the witness of the Holy Spirit that it is all his own!

“The Golden Alphabet” by Charles H. Spurgeon pages 251-252

Women's Ministry Bible Study On Psalm 119:113-176

We invite ladies, Jr. High age and older, to attend the Women's Bible Study. We are sorry, but no childcare will be provided and children are not permitted to attend with the exception of infants not yet crawling whose Moms will only be able to attend the Moms' Group in the Nursery Hallway. The Studies are held once-a-month on Tuesday evenings from September to May (no April Study). You can see the dates below. On those dates we will have speakers who will be teaching on Psalm 119. Their bios are on pages 8-11. After the teaching, we will have optional Small Discussion Groups that meet in various locations to discuss our homework and the 8 verses we studied that month and to pray together. The homework is listed below. You will need to register to be in a Small Discussion Group when you come to the Study. Please read the New Information on how to register for a group this year on page 3.

There will be NO Introduction Night this year in September.

The Study and the Small Discussion Groups will begin on September 24th. If you come to the Study that night and would like to register to be in a Small Discussion Group, be sure to do your homework prior to the first Study. We will be discussing the first 8 verses– Psalm 119:113-120.

Dates, Homework, Speakers

September 24th	Psalm 119:113-120	Sandy MacIntosh
October 15th	Psalm 119:121-128	Robin Downs
November 12th	Psalm 119:129-136	Ronnie Lykon
December 10th	Psalm 119:137-144	Irma Pressley
January 14th	Psalm 119:145-152	Joanna Liegel
February 11th	Psalm 119:153-160	Emily Brown
March 11th	Psalm 119:161-168	Jayne Clark
No April Study		
May 6th	Psalm 119:169-176	Veronica Weed

Bible Study Schedule

6:45 PM:	Doors Open
6:45 PM-7:10 PM:	Registration for Small Discussion Groups at tables in the front foyer from September-November only
7:15-7:40 PM:	Welcome & Worship (25 minutes)
7:40-8:10 PM:	Teaching (30 minutes)
8:10-8:20 PM:	Announcements
8:20-8:25 PM:	Registration for Small Discussion Groups from September-November at tables in the front foyer and from December-May at the center kiosk
8:20-8:50 PM:	Small Group Discussion (30 minutes)
8:50-9:00 PM:	Prayer (10 minutes)
9:00-10:00 PM:	Final Announcements & Fellowship in the Koinonia Café

How to Register to be in a Small Discussion Group

- 1. Registration is required:** If you would like to be in a Small Discussion Group, registration is required. Please do not go to a group without registering to be in that group.
- 2. If you were part of a Small Discussion Group in the last 2 years:** If you would like to be in that group again this year, you will still need to register.
- 3. New Way to Register:** In the fall when the Study first starts up, there are many ladies wanting to register to be in a Small Discussion Group. To make registering easier, from 6:45-7:10pm we will be doing registration at tables in the front foyer from September-November only. From 8:20-8:25pm we will also be doing registration from September-November at tables in the front foyer and from December-May at the center kiosk.
- 4. Once you register to be in a group:** The registration ladies will give you a nametag with that group # on it so when you go to the group, the Leaders will know that you have registered for their group.
- 5. Registration at the Study only:** In order to register, you must come to the Study and register in person. You will not be able to email or call us to register.
- 6. Once a group is full:** When a group is filled up, that group will be full and no one else can register to join that group.
- 7. If you are no longer able to attend the Bible Study:** If you registered to be in a group and you are no longer able to attend the Bible Study, please contact Women's Ministry and let us know so we can remove you from the group and we can register someone else to be in that group. Email us at: womensministry@ccphilly.org or call us at 215-969-1647.

Small Discussion Groups

We will have 10 Small Discussion Groups throughout the building and 2 groups specifically for Moms and Widows. There will be a Map showing where all of the groups are located when you come to the Study to register for a group.

Moms & Moms with infants not yet crawling Group and the Widows Group:

If you are a Mom, you can choose to go to any Small Discussion Group you would like to, you do not need to go to this group. But if you are a Mom with an infant, we do ask that you only go to the Moms' Small Discussion Group. No other children will be permitted to attend and no childcare is provided so you will need to keep your infant with you. If you are a Widow, you can choose to go to any Small Discussion Group you would like to, you do not need to go to this group. These groups are not support groups, they will be studying Psalm 119:113-176 together just as the other groups are.

1. Discussion Group for Moms & Moms with infants not yet crawling: This group has a new location and will meet in the Nursery Hallway instead of the Jr. High Room where they met previously. If you are a Mom and would like to be in a discussion group to meet other Moms, we are offering this group to you. If you are a Mom with an infant, not yet crawling, you may bring your baby to the Bible Study in the Sanctuary and to this discussion group. We will have a section reserved for you in the Sanctuary by the Prayer Room and you may bring your strollers. If you are in the Sanctuary with your baby during the Study and your baby gets fussy or needs to be fed, please take him/her out of the Sanctuary. You may go to the Nursing Moms room located in the Nursery Hallway to feed your baby. There will be a closed circuit TV in there where you can continue to watch the Study live.

2. Discussion Group for Widows: This group will meet in the Koinonia Room. If you are a widow and would like to be in a discussion group to meet other widows and to encourage one another through this season of life, we are offering this group to you.

Homework

We are having the Small Discussion Groups at the first Study on September 24th on Psalm 119:113-120 so we encourage you to do your homework prior to the first Study so you can be prepared.

There are 2 Required Resources for the Study this year:

1. **Your Bible** - A Study Bible is also a great resource if you have one.
2. **“Walking in His Ways Psalm 119: Scripture Writing Journal”** - This is the same journal that we have used for the past 2 years. If you have not purchased it yet, please purchase it prior to the first Study on September 24th so you can do your homework ahead of time, it is for sale in the Bookstore for \$5.00.

Optional, Not Required, Study Resources if you would like to use them:

Here are some good resources on Psalm 119 that we have recommended the past 2 years if you do not already have them:

- **“The Golden Alphabet”** by Charles Spurgeon - a commentary on Psalm 119; it is for sale in the Bookstore for \$12.00. This commentary is also available as an audiobook on audible.com.
- We have printed 2 commentary pamphlets on Psalm 119: **“Exploring Psalms Volume 2: An Expository Commentary”** by John Phillips, the chapter on Psalm 119:105-112 called **“The Lamp”** and **“Treasures in the Psalms”** by Henry Morris. If you have not already gotten one, they will be available at the center kiosk when you come to the Bible Study.
- Pastor Joe Focht on Psalm 119 - listen on the church app or website. Go to **resources.ccphilly.org** and click on Teaching Library.
- Blue Letter Bible– blueletterbible.org - it provides online tools helpful for studying the Bible.

Homework

If you are attending the Study for the first time, read the Introduction in the Psalm 119 Journal. This Scripture writing journal might be a new way of studying the Word for some of you. In this Introduction, you will find helpful tips and suggestions for Scripture writing, but the overall intention of this journal is to be a flexible and practical tool to help you develop your own system of writing Scripture. The Scripture writing journal is divided into 22 stanzas of 8 verses each. There are 3 pages in the journal to write your thoughts about each stanza, but if you need more pages to write your notes as you study, you can use another notebook or journal to go along with this one. You do not need to limit yourself to just those 3 pages. The sample journal entry is just that, only a sample. You do not have to write out all the verses and then study them, you can write them out one at a time and put your thoughts under each one. This is your own personal journal for you to share what God showed you if you choose to be in a discussion group. Or you can use this journal for your own personal study or do it with friends.

Some suggestions as you study each month:

1. Pray and ask the Lord to speak to you through His Word.
2. Read the 8 verses in the Bible we will be studying each month. Take your time and meditate on each verse, and let God speak to you personally.
3. Put the date at the top of the page in your journal, this will help you remember what God told you on the date you studied it. You do not need to journal every day if you're busy, just continue the next day that you have time.
4. Write out in your journal the first verse of the 8 verses you are studying. Writing out the verse will help you remember it and maybe even memorize it.
5. On the verse you just wrote in your journal, you could highlight, underline, or circle any words or parts of the verse that have particular meaning to you. You can also look up definitions of the words. A Study Bible is a great tool because it has footnotes and cross references that will help you learn more about each verse. Write the things that God shows you in your journal.
6. Asking yourself questions or praying about what the verse says helps you apply the Word to your life. For example: Psalm 119:2 says, "Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with the whole heart!" Question: "Lord, do I seek you with my whole heart?" Prayer: "Please help me seek you more!"

Additional Information

The Study will not be live-streamed: All of the Studies will be posted on the church website and app. Go to **resources.ccphilly.org** and click on Women's Ministry.

Check out our website: Additional information will be on our website at **ccphilly.org/womensministry/biblestudy**

Parking & Entering the Building: Please park in the front parking lot and enter through the main front doors. If you cannot do steps, please park on the Philmont Avenue side of the building and use the Handicapped Entrance.

Cancellation Information: In the event of inclement weather, please check the church website at **www.ccphilly.org** for cancellation information.

Any Questions: Email Women's Ministry at **womensministry@ccphilly.org** or call 215-969-1647.

**Great peace have those who love Your law, and nothing causes
them to stumble. LORD, I hope for Your salvation,
And I do Your commandments. My soul keeps Your testimonies,
And I love them exceedingly.**

Psalm 119:165-167

Speaker Biographies



Sandy MacIntosh

MacIntosh Ministries - San Diego, CA

Sandy and her husband, Mike MacIntosh, have been happily married for 58 years. For 41 years, Mike faithfully pastored Horizon Christian Fellowship in San Diego where his son, Phillip, has now transitioned into that role. This new season of ministry is providing Mike and Sandy more opportunities to travel and equip the church worldwide, as well as reaching those who are hurting and lost. Sandy is an author, she has spoken evangelistically, and has been an encouragement to pastors' wives and women across the United States and internationally. She has 5 children, 21 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. The women of Calvary Chapel of Philadelphia have enjoyed Sandy's rich and inspiring teachings from the Word of God for many years.



Robin Downs

Calvary Mercer - Ewing, NJ

Robin came to the Lord in her junior high years and has been walking with him since then. She is a mom of 3, the wife of a Calvary Chapel pastor, and a Biblical counselor. She loves to help people understand how God's word and wisdom apply to the challenges of life.

Speaker Biographies



Ronnie Lykon

Calvary Chapel of Philadelphia - Philadelphia, PA

Ronnie Lykon and her husband Al have attended Calvary Philly since the first Bible study in 1981. They have been married for 45 years and have 5 children and 11 grandchildren. Ronnie has served in the church in many ways throughout her life and supported her husband and helped him run his business for 31 years. She loves studying the Bible and helping her family.



Irma Pressley

Calvary Chapel of South Jersey - West Deptford, NJ

“As I look back at our lives, I’m so thankful that God has enabled me to serve Him, alongside my husband, Harry, for over 35 years in active ministry.”

Irma has had the beautiful opportunity of seeing many people come to the Lord, watch their lives change, and witness the power of the Holy Spirit to heal, strengthen, and mature them. Her life verse is Jeremiah 29:11, as she continues to watch God fulfill His promises. She has served women through Bible studies at home and abroad, and is so thankful that God’s Word brings peace and healing to every life, as women embrace the miracle of God’s grace. Through the years, she and Harry have raised 6 kids and they have 18 grandchildren. Although their stories are not finished, knowing that God will complete a good work in each one, gives great peace. Irma loves spending time with family and friends, growing Jersey tomatoes, enjoys birds and flowers, the changing seasons, and of course going to the Jersey shore! “We will forever overflow with thankfulness for the kindness and generosity of our friend and Pastor, Joe Focht, and to Cathy, who gave us opportunity and incredible support (through all our victories and failures), as we grew in ministry, at CC South Jersey.”

Speaker Biographies



Joanna Liegel

Calvary Chapel of Philadelphia - Philadelphia, PA

Joanna is Joe & Cathy's oldest child. She was born in Portland, Oregon and lived in southern California until she was 2 years old when Joe and Cathy moved back to Philadelphia. She grew up in Philadelphia and graduated in CCA's first graduating class. She has been married to her husband, Josh, for 18 years. She has 3 children- twins who are 17, son Micah and daughter Selah and daughter Eliah who is 16. She taught Jr. and Sr. High art at CCA for 4 years, and has been the graphic designer for CCPhilly for the past 13 years.



Emily Brown

Calvary Chapel of Philadelphia - Philadelphia, PA

Emily was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA. She grew up going to Calvary Chapel of Philadelphia, and graduated from Calvary Christian Academy. She attended Calvary Chapel Bible College and graduated with an Associates Degree in 2017. At 15, Emily fully surrendered her life to Christ while on a domestic missions trip with the Senior High ministry. She now serves in Senior High ministry, ministering to high schoolers who are the same age as she was when she started to walk with Christ. Emily is currently the secretary at CCP for the Junior High, Senior High, and Young Adults ministries and she is so thankful that she gets to serve the Lord this way! Emily is getting married in March to Vinny Fernandez, who is the Senior High ministry leader at Calvary Chapel Old Bridge. She will be moving to New Jersey and will attend CCOB and serve the Lord along side of Vinny, doing what she loves to do, ministering to Senior High kids.

Speaker Biographies



Jayme Clark

Calvary Chapel of Philadelphia - Philadelphia, PA

Jayme Clark is married to Chris Clark, one of the assistant pastors at Calvary Philly who oversees the Children's Ministry and Special Needs Ministry. They have been married for 8 years and have 4 energetic kids! Jayme has attended Calvary Philly her whole life and served in various ministries. She worked as a NICU nurse for 10 years at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia until recently and is currently staying at home to take care of her kids. She and her husband are so thankful to be able to be a part of the Calvary Philly church body.



Veronica Weed

Calvary Chapel of Philadelphia - Philadelphia, PA

Veronica Weed has been attending Calvary Chapel of Philadelphia since she was born. She is married to Brian Weed who serves as an assistant pastor at Cavalry Philly. They met here and have been married for 21 years. When Brian picked Veronica up for their first date her mom remembered having him in her Sunday school class as a boy. They have three boys ages: 16, 12, and 10. Veronica loves being outside, gardening, hiking, cooking and watching the Phillies. She has worked as a pediatric nurse in Philadelphia since she graduated. She is so grateful to be in a church where God's word is loved, trusted and faithfully held up as the truth we need for each day.

Outreach for CC Word of Life



Pastor Mark Abrams

Calvary Chapel Word of Life was born out of a Bible Study in the YMCA in North Philadelphia led by Pastor Mark Abrams. This study was simply a group of believers coming together who had a hunger for the truth. The desire and emphasis of this ministry was to teach through the entire bible verse-by-verse, as Paul told those in Ephesus, "For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God"

Acts 20:27. This small Bible study continued to grow as the Word of God was being taught and became a church plant.

Seeking to reach the community with the gospel, the Lord afforded this fellowship the privilege to do countless outreaches serving single moms, fatherless children and the homeless. **CCWO recently moved to a new 67,000 square foot building in Germantown and they have been renovating it. See their website for more information - www.ccwordoflife.org**

Calvary Chapel Word of Life has formed several partnerships with homeless shelters - Self-Incorporated, one of the city's largest homeless shelter agencies in the city, and Woodstock Shelter that services homeless married couples with children. These partnerships afford us countless opportunities to minister to the homeless population long-term.

Calvary Chapel Word of Life considers itself a daughter church of Calvary Chapel of Philadelphia led by Senior Pastor Joe Focht. A ministry that God has been growing for over 40 years. They are also an affiliate of the international family of churches started by Pastor Chuck Smith known as the Calvary Chapel Movement. The simplicity of their story demonstrates the essence of what Calvary Chapel is about – no show, no gimmicks, no frills – just believers in Jesus Christ who gather to learn His Word, worship Him in song, seek Him in prayer and love one another. "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers" Acts 2:42.

Women's Ministry will be collecting money for Calvary Chapel Word of Life for their outreaches and ministries to the people of Philadelphia. Donation boxes will be out at the Bible Study on the round kiosk. Last year we were able to give Calvary Chapel Word of Life \$1,366.00. Thank you for giving so generously!

Before pictures of the new building



After pictures of the new building



Services in the new building



By participating, you agree to be bound by the terms of Calvary Chapel of Philadelphia's Resolution on Participation in Church Activities found at www.cphilly.org/church-activities-resolution/. If you do not have internet access, you may obtain a copy of the Resolution on Participation in Church Activities from the church office.

