

## **Cherishing God's Truths**

### **Lesson 8 — Student Guide**

**Prepare for class:** Read Psalm 119:89-94,97,105

#### **Lesson Goal**

The goal of this lesson is to answer the following question: **What do we, as God's people, cherish?**

#### **Think**

#### **Evaluate**

1. Who are the characters in this story?
2. What are the objects in this story?
3. Where did this story happen?
4. When did this story happen?
5. What is the problem?
6. What events occurred in this story?
7. Is the problem solved?

#### **Learn**

8. What is the main theme of this lesson?
9. What sin does this lesson teach us to confess?
10. Where do you see the love of God in this lesson?
11. What does God teach us to do in this lesson?

#### **Lead**

12. What would be a good situation in which to share this message?

#### **Additional questions**

13. Name some of the things that the psalm writer cherished.
14. In the Bible, the word law can refer to all of God's Word or just to his commands. Either way, we are to cherish his laws. How can you show that you cherish his commands, his laws?
15. Long ago God's people cherished his Word and very carefully wrote down what God wanted them to include in his message of salvation. That Word was carefully passed down from generation to generation of believers. Whose job is it to cherish and protect God's Word now?

16. There are liberals and conservatives in the political world. When churches are described as being liberal or conservative, ignore the political meanings of the two terms. Use the meanings explained here: Christian churches that are liberal teach that the Bible only “tells about God” but is not the very words of God. They pick and choose what they feel are God’s words and thereby decide what they believe or don’t believe. Conservative Christian churches believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, written by people who were given the content by God the Holy Spirit. They believe that God’s Word is the source of truth; we base our creeds on these truths. Read 2 Timothy 3:16. What part of Scripture (the Bible) is “God-breathed” (inspired by God)? How is God’s Word to be used?
17. What serious dangers face churches that pick and choose what they think is truth?
18. We have our spiritual identity in the saving work that Christ has accomplished for us. We thank God that conservative Lutheran churches teach God’s saving truths and support us in our faith journeys! Faithful Lutheran churches:
- a. Teach that the Bible is the inspired \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Teach that salvation is 100% a gift from \_\_\_\_\_, given by his grace and received through \_\_\_\_\_ in the salvation Christ earned for us.
  - c. We are saved only through Christ’s perfect \_\_\_\_\_ led in our place, his innocent sufferings and \_\_\_\_\_ on a cross, and his \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead.
  - d. God also gives us Baptism and the Lord’s Supper as tangible ways to show us that we have \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ through Christ.
  - e. God wants us to study his saving \_\_\_\_\_. That is how God the Holy Spirit strengthens and encourages us in our \_\_\_\_\_.
  - f. God teaches us the proper motivation for Christian living: to give \_\_\_\_\_ to God for saving us through his Son Jesus!

### Lesson wrap-up

**What do we, as God’s people, cherish?**