



## **Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions**

Topic: *Hiding God's Word in My Heart*

Text: Various Scriptures

Service Date: September 27, 2026

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

### **Getting Started**

- What is something you've memorized without really trying—a song lyric, movie quote, commercial, phone number, or something else?

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### **Sermon Discussion**

- Read Psalm 119:9–11 together. What stands out to you most in these verses, and why?
- The psalmist says, “I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.” What do you think it means to hide God's Word in your heart?
- The sermon focused on two practices: meditating on Scripture and memorizing Scripture. How are these different from simply reading the Bible?
- What are some of the biggest obstacles that keep people from regularly reading, meditating on, and memorizing Scripture?
- The sermon suggested that how we spend our time reveals a lot about our priorities. What tends to compete most with time in God's Word in your own daily routine?
- How have you experienced a Bible verse coming to mind at exactly the right time—perhaps when you were tempted, discouraged, making a decision, or helping someone else?
- The sermon said, “Transformation happens when you do consistently what others do occasionally.” How does consistency contribute to spiritual growth?
- Read Psalm 119:12–16. What attitudes toward God's Word do you see in the psalmist? Which of those attitudes would you most like to develop?
- The sermon compared spiritual maturity to stages of eating: an infant is fed, a child feeds themselves food someone else prepared, an adult prepares and feeds themselves, and a parent prepares food for others. Where do you see these stages reflected in a person's spiritual development?

- What is the danger of depending primarily on sermons, podcasts, devotionals, or other people to “feed” us spiritually?
- What does it look like practically for a mature Christian to “feed themselves” spiritually?
- Read 1 John 1:9–2:2. How does knowing God’s Word help us recognize sin while also helping us understand God’s grace and forgiveness?
- The sermon contrasted the final words attributed to Buddha—an emphasis on striving diligently—with Jesus’ words, “It is finished.” What does “It is finished” tell us about the difference between trying to earn salvation and receiving what Christ has accomplished for us?

### This Week’s Action Response

| Age Group     | Weekly Bible Reading (%) | Notes                                                      |
|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 65+           | ~45%                     | Most consistent readers; often cite lifelong faith habits  |
| 50–64         | ~38%                     | Strong engagement, especially among churchgoers            |
| 30–49         | ~32%                     | Mixed habits; digital Bible use rising                     |
| 18–29 (Gen Z) | ~25%                     | Lowest weekly reading, but rising curiosity and engagement |

Reflecting upon the chart above from the sermon, what things in your own life need to change in order to not just read the Bible but meditate upon and take it to heart?