Real Questions IV: "Why Should I Trust the Bible" - Psalm 119:1-8, 137-144

Opening Questions

1) What's the difference between being happy and being blessed?

2) What let's you know that the Bible is trustworthy?

Into the Text

 The first section of our lesson suggests that living life according to what God lays out in the Bible leads to a blessed life. According to this section, what kind of characteristics do people who live by God's instructions possess?

2) In the second section, the psalmist claims that God's judgments are just and God's rules are trustworthy. However, the psalmist never claims that God's rules will always be things the people will easily agree with. Can a person still trust the judgment and rules of God if the person wants the rules to be different? If so, how so? If not, why not? 3) What evidence do you see in today's lesson that suggests living by God's rules isn't always easy?

4) How can accepting and living by God's rules shift the atmosphere so that a person can find joy in life even though s/he's experiencing trouble and distress?

5) People of faith often consult the Bible about things that seem to be "faith matters" but they don't necessarily consult the Bible for "ordinary" or "relationship" matters. Has there ever been an area of your life that troubled you but you didn't go to the Bible to help you resolve? Is so, what kept you from consulting God's word?