



Sermon Main Idea:

As an Evangelical Covenant Church, we are a people who value both mission and friendship, seeking to be companions to all who fear God.

Introduction:

1. Who have been some of your best companions throughout your life?
2. How have you experienced a friend carrying you through a hard part of your journey?

SORP:

Scripture | read Psalm 119:57-64

Observation | what do we notice? what stands out?

1. What stands out to you about the psalmist's heart toward the Lord and His law?
2. How do his actions illustrate his heart toward the Lord and His law?
3. What are some of the psalmist's words that show the level of commitment he has to the Lord and His law?
4. What does verse 59 tell us about the way the psalmist interacts with God's statutes and applies them to his life?
5. How does friendship play a role in the psalmist's heart and obedience of the Lord and His law?
6. What do the words "teach me your decrees" speak about the character of the psalmist?

Response | how can we respond in our lives to what we learn?

1. How could you be seeking God's face with all your heart for clarification on how to obey His statutes in the context of our culture? (verse 58)
2. What does it look like for you to consider your ways and turn your steps to God's statutes? (verse 59)
3. What things in our lives cause us to delay, rather than hasten to obey God's commands? (verse 60)
4. What are some wicked things that bind us and cause us to forget His law? (verse 61)
5. What prevents us from being a friend to all who fear God? What work do we need to do internally/spiritually to get beyond those things that inhibit us from being a companion? (verse 63)
6. How might God be calling you to respond to His Word today?

Prayer | ask God to help you live out your response