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DUE: December 15, 2012

D1: My heart... His Word (Psalm 119).

- Read Psalm 119:33-40.
- Make a list of the synonyms for God's Word in 119:33-40. Is there a verse in this section that does NOT mention God's word?
- List the requests the Psalmist makes of God in simplified form (For example: "Teach me," 119:33; "Give me understanding," 119:34; "Make me walk," 119:35; etc).
- As you look over that list of requests, what strikes you most about them? What is the Psalmist trying to communicate? And what do you need to apply to your own life?
- "Turn away my eyes from looking at vanity, and revive me in Your ways," 119:37. What do you think are the "vain" things in your own life that you find your eyes fixed on? Why does a request for "revival" follow after the request to help us turn our eyes away from looking at vain things?
- Write a prayer to God expressing what impacts you most from this portion of Psalm 119. Express your need for Him and desire to worship Him.

D2: The Heart. The Point of Suffering in the Pain of Suffering.

Remember to read the broader context of each text below. . .

- Take a moment to think about the last affliction or trial or suffering you encountered. How would you summarize your general attitude toward the trouble you faced? Honestly record what your goals were in the midst of the trouble. Are you satisfied with how you endured the trial? Why or why not?
- Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10. Record **God's promises** to Paul (and by application to you) in the midst of affliction or suffering.
- Read James 1:2-4 and Romans 5:3-5. Record **God's goals** for you in trials which are the result of perseverance in the trial.
- Read 2 Corinthians 4:17. How are you to regard affliction in the light of eternity?
- Read Romans 8:18. What is to be our focus when suffering enters our life?
- After reading these passages on suffering, what changes would you like to make in any suffering you are undergoing now or in the next trial that comes? Be specific as possible. Does anyone in your household need to benefit from something you've discovered in these passages?