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## **MEETING STARTER**

## ATTENDING THE SCHOOL OF SCRIPTURE

## Psalm 119:129-136

- <sup>129</sup> Your statutes are wonderful; therefore I obey them.
- <sup>130</sup> The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.
- <sup>131</sup> I open my mouth and pant, longing for your commands.
- <sup>132</sup> Turn to me and have mercy on me, as you always do to those who love your name.
- <sup>133</sup> Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me.
- <sup>134</sup> Redeem me from the oppression of men, that I may obey your precepts.
- <sup>135</sup> Make your face shine upon your servant and teach me your decrees.
- <sup>136</sup> Streams of tears flow from my eyes, for your law is not obeyed.

This is the time of year when students return to school. Think of a class that had a particularly positive impact on you. Share what made it so special.

Psalm 119 speaks about the blessings of learning God's Word. Verse 131 says, "The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple." Share some realities on which God's Word sheds light and gives understanding.

Think of the unchurched people you know. For each of the realities you identified, discuss what it must be like for them to be living "in the dark" about that reality.

Identify a truth of the Bible that is particularly important to you. How might you word this truth to an unchurched friend?

Share your most recent evangelism experience.