

The Glory of God in Creation

Psalm 19:1-6

Whether it is the majesty of the Rocky Mountains, the vastness of the Pacific Ocean, or the intricate design of the human body, God reveals His glory through creation. And though we must not worship creation as some people do, when we rightly appreciate what God has made it can help us keep God in His rightful place in our hearts. It can help lead us to worship and trust. It can help to make God's glory the reigning passion of our lives.

Opening Discussion: What is one of the most beautiful places you have ever been?

Read Psalm 19

1. This psalm speaks of both general revelation (creation) and special revelation (Scripture). How does it describe the nature of general revelation (vv. 1-6)?
2. What specific aspect of creation does this psalm focus on and what can we learn about how God reveals Himself through this part of creation?
3. Read Romans 1:19-20. What does this add to our understanding of what we can learn about God through creation?

Brian said:

When we rightly understand what creation says about God, it can lead us to worship. You stand on a mountain and it says God is majestic. You look at the ocean and you get a glimpse of the depths of God's love, and the unending waves breaking on shore remind that God's grace never ends. You look at a sunset and it declares God's beauty. You ponder the grains of sands in a desert and it says God is abundant. You look at the sky over western Kansas and it says God is vast. When we see the beauty, the power, the vastness, and majesty of God through creation, it can humble us and lead us to worship.

4. What aspect of creation best helps you enter a posture of worship before God?

Read Matthew 6:25-34

5. To what aspects of creation does Jesus direct our attention? And if we do pay attention to these things, what can we learn about God?

Brian said:

I have sensed an invitation from God . . . to slow down and pay attention to what He is always saying through creation. "I am the Creator. I am powerful, wise, good, and firmly in control." I'm sensing that God wants me to reflect on how God is revealed through creation and be led again to a place of worship and trust. I'm not there yet. I feel like the person who is parched and dry from lack of water, but who knows how refreshing a nice cool drink of water is going to be once it can be had. Seeing God's glory in creation is the cool drink I need. And so this week, especially out on walks, I've been looking at trees and grass and squirrels and birds and the blue sky and clouds. I've been looking. I've been observing. I've been listening. And as I've been doing this, I'm sensing God leading me back to a place of worship and trust.

6. Do you sense a need to slow down and pay attention to what God might want to say to you through creation? Explain.
7. Go back to Psalm 19 and read the final verse (v. 14). Brian talked about how if we are truly seeing God's glory in creation, it can help lead us to a place of worship and trust. As you think about the words of your mouth and the meditation of your heart, do you find worship and trust there?
8. What might it mean for you at this time of your life to slow down and pay attention to how God is revealing Himself through creation?

Practicing the Rhythms of Rooted



Daily Devotion: Consider reading and reflecting on the following passages that speak of God's glory revealed through creation (Psalm 29; 97:1-6; Isaiah 6:1-3; 40:12-31; Habakkuk 2:14; Romans 1:18-23; Revelation 4:8-11)



Prayer: As you pay attention to what God is saying to you through creation this week, praise Him for it. Talk to Him about what you see and what it reveals about Him.