

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. How do you celebrate the 4th of July?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. God is always speaking through his creation. Where is your favorite place to be in nature? (Mountains, Ocean, Garden, etc.)
3. Read Psalm 19 together as a group.
4. What is your favorite verse in this chapter? Why that one?
5. Verses 1-4 talk about how creation uses no words but is always speaking. In what ways does creation speak and show us the beauty of God?
6. As we study this Psalm, we learn that it was written in 3 different parts.
 - a. Vs. 1-5: Praise for the Creator
 - b. Vs. 6-9: Celebration of the Torah (law)
 - c. Vs. 10-14: Personal Significance of the Torah (law)
 - i. Why do you think David wrote this Psalm in 3 different parts?
7. Scholars believe that David wrote this Psalm with different worshippers in mind. Some worshippers are more free spirited while others are more reserved.
 - a. Which one do you think you relate more to?
 - b. Do you think there is value in being physically expressive in congregational worship?
 - c. What are some ways that people like to worship today?
8. Holley Gerth said, "*Worship is an act of war against the enemy of our hearts*"
 - a. Tell us, do you think of worship in this way? Why or why not?
 - b. If worship is an act of war against the enemy, we should be worshipping God all of the time. What are some ways that you find yourself worshipping God during your weekly routine of work, family, and busy-ness.
9. Psalm 19:7 says, "*The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing to the soul.*" Have you found this to be true as you strive to follow the Law of God in your life? If so, tell us how and why.
10. If our ultimate purpose in life is to join with all of creation in worshipping God, what are some ways you can incorporate more worship into your life? Your home? Your family?

11. Read Psalm 19:12-14 together again.
 - a. Are you willing to echo these words in your own life?
 - b. How can we be praying for you as you seek to live this out?

Application

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message.

Discuss how they apply to your life.

- “Worship is more than singing beautiful songs in church on a Sunday. It is more than instruments and music. As a true worshipper, your heart will long to worship Him at all times, in all ways and with all your life.” - Darlene Zschech
- Worship is an awareness of how desperately we are in need of our savior every moment of every day. It is a desperation to honor God with all that we are. It is a desire to fulfill our purpose. Worship is what we were created to do.
- You don't ONLY worship God when you study His Word, or Sing Worship to Him! You worship God with your WHOLE LIFE.
- All of us have a BUILT-IN LONGING to join with all of creation to WORSHIP GOD.
- We were created to be OBSERVANT of all that God has made for us.
- Walking in OBEDIENCE to GOD is REFRESHING because it is what you were CREATED TO DO.
- Intentionally living OUTSIDE of OBEDIENCE to God is to GO AGAINST your PURPOSE.
- Your life will have MEANING when your life is being lived ON PURPOSE in OBEDIENCE to GOD!