

# Discussion Outline & Questions for Sunday, March 29

## Teaching Series... Seeing God (*Psalm 19*)

### Question 1: How has God revealed himself to us?

*The first way God has revealed himself is called...*

*1. Natural revelation. (Sometimes called 'general revelation')*

*...God shows us who He is through His creation; through nature.*

#### **Psalm 19:1**

<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup> Day to day pours out speech,  
and night to night reveals knowledge.

Discussion: In Psalm 19:1-2 the Psalmist speaks of the stars in the sky...

- As we look at the stars at night, what are some thoughts that pop into your mind?
- This passage says that God's creation is telling us some details of the one who created it. What are some of the things that you can know about God in what you see around you in creation? Write them down as you think of them. (Make a list)

*My examples... God is powerful, God is glorious, God is detailed, God is an artist...*

- Take some time to praise God for those things that you listed.

### Question 2: How far does God's '*natural revelation*' extend; to how many people?

*God's creation extends to everyone everywhere, at all times...*

*1. Creation constantly shouts in every language there is a creator...*

*2. God shows all people everywhere who he is through His creation.*

#### **Psalm 19:3-4**

<sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words,  
whose voice is not heard.

<sup>4</sup> Their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.

In them he has set a tent for the sun,

Discussion: In v. 3-4 the Psalm says everyone has heard the speech of the stars...

- Can stars talk? No. so, just by existing, how do they "reveal knowledge" about God?
- In verse 3 how many languages does creation speak to?
- V.4 How far does creation's voice extend?
- Talk about how God's creation teaches *all people* that God is real and powerful.

### Question 3: Why is it still so easy for people to ignore God's revelation?

*The reason some people ignore God or even say there is no God is...*

- 1. God shows us himself by his creation so that we are without excuse.*
- 2. Yet while the truth is plain to us, we sometimes push it away.*
- 3. We suppress the truth in unrighteousness to excuse our sinful desires.*

#### **Romans 1:18-20**

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. <sup>19</sup> For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. <sup>20</sup> For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

Discussion: Paul in Rom. 1:18-21 is teaching us that people suppress the truth of creation.

- Think of a time when you were caught doing something you were told not to do.
- Did you try to downplay your actions or even attempt to lie to excuse your behavior?
- V. 18 teaches that people push away the truth of God to excuse their sinful behavior.
- How does our sin affect our ability to see God in truth?
- Sin blinds us. Knowing that unbelief is fueled by our own sinfulness. Take some time to ask God to forgive you of your sin and help you to walk in obedience & see Him in truth!

### Question 4: Can we know that God is good by God's 'natural revelation' alone?

*Yes, We can know about the goodness of God as we study God's creation...*

- 1. The sun shows us his love, light, and joy...*
- 2. The systems and laws of nature show us his faithfulness & reliability.*

#### **Psalms 19:5-6**

<sup>4c</sup>...In them he has set a tent for the sun,  
<sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,  
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.  
<sup>6</sup> Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them,  
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

Discussion: In v. 5-6 the Psalmist describes the sun with its life, joy, and reliability...

- We've had so much rain lately; when the sun comes out how does that make you feel?
- We know the sun's light brings life to our planet, Why do you think v.5-6 describe the sun with the word 'joy'? ...and how does the sun show us about God's goodness?
- According to the last line in v.6, has anyone missed out on the goodness & grace of God?
- V. 5 describes the earth's orbit in our solar system which we gives us time, calendars, seasons, days and nights. How does this showcase the faithfulness of God?