

2020 Community Groups

WEEKLY GUIDE

Week of June 21

“The Heavens Declare”

Pastor Cory went outdoors for this message as he inspired us to see God revealed through the glory of His creation. As men and women created in the image of God, we too bring glory to God, as he is revealed through us. David writes in Psalm 19:1 "The heavens declare the glory of God: the skies proclaim the work of his hands." Cory also helped us think through the question: **“What makes God the best father ever?” Our heavenly father that uniquely created each of us.**

Community Prayer:

Heavenly Father, the Heavens declare your Glory; and I give you glory, honor, and praise, for all you have done, are doing, and will do in our lives. Thank you for teaching the Father’s how to be more like Jesus; to love their families unconditionally, to be empathetic to their needs, and protective of them; in Jesus’ Name we pray, Amen.

Opening Questions

Describe what you remember most about your Father? What parts of his character did you incorporate into your parenting skills?

EXPLORATION

Read the passages below...what can you learn about what it means to follow Jesus from these passages? (Have someone read from their bible)

Psalm 19: 1-6

1. What part(s) of God’s creation speaks to you most loudly? Do the seasons of your life affect what part of His creation resonates with you? Explain why?

You may not know this, but Pastor Cory was at Thousand Pines Christian Camp. A place surrounded by God's creation. A place where thousands of men, women, and children have come to know God as He was revealed through creation.

Perhaps you have been to this camp or others.

2. Talk about a place in creation where God met you face-to-face.



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The Hebrew Word for glory is Kabowd which means beauty that exudes from character.

3. How do you give God Kabowd in your life? Can you describe your character as one that exudes beauty?

Romans 1: 20

4. How does God's creative power prove to the unbeliever that He exists? (Give specific examples?)

Hebrews 3: 1-3

5. Why is Jesus worthy of more glory than anyone else? (give specific examples?)

Ephesians 2: 1-5

6. How were you dead in your transgressions and sins before accepting Jesus as your Savior and Lord?
7. Who is the ruler of the power of the air? How is he still creating havoc in the lives of the unsaved? (see verse 3)
8. As Followers of Jesus we all came through a "But God" moment for salvation. Give some other examples of a "But God" moment in your life after your salvation?

THE TAKEAWAY

Psalms 19: 12-13

Woven together with David's meditation on creation is a sobering reminder that He is God, and we are not. He pleads with God in light of His glory being revealed, "Keep me from my sins, please don't let them rule over me."

- This is less a talk about enjoying God's creation, and more a talk about how all creation can serve as a reminder that God loves each and every one of us.
- Sadly, the term Dad has been tarnished by generations of bad fathers, BUT GOD can serve as the best example of a father.
 - **"You weren't an accident. You weren't mass produced. You aren't an assembly line product. You were deliberately planned, specifically gifted, and lovingly positioned on the Earth by the Master Craftsman."** – Max Lucado



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PRAYER REQUESTS
