

PSALMS

A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families For the week of July 2, 2023

Read the Bible passage aloud in your group meeting. This is a worship discussion guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for your meeting, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

Warm Up

- Is there an aspect of God's creation that is leading you to worship the LORD these days?

Psalm 8

God's Glory & Ours

To the choirmaster: according to The Gittith. A Psalm of David.

¹ O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
² Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your
foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.
³ When I look at your heavens, the work of
your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in
place,
⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?
⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower than the
heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.
⁶ You have given him dominion over the works of
your hands;
you have put all things under his feet,
⁷ all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
⁸ the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
⁹ O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

- David begins by seeing the LORD's majesty in creation. What contrast is set up these verses? What do the infants teach us about the LORD and His ways? (1-2)
- Jesus quotes these verses in [Matthew 21:12-17](#) after He clears out the Temple and heals the sick. Why would Jesus quote this Psalm to the religious leaders of His day?

- Next, David wonders at how the LORD made us (3-9). Why is David amazed in verses 3-4?
- Why is David amazed in verses 5-8 (as he quotes from [Genesis 1:26-27](#))?
- Is there a way that another person has pointed you to God & His purposes recently?
- David ends the Psalm the same way he began (1, 9). Why might this be repeated?
- Psalm 8 ultimately points us to Jesus Christ. In Jesus, the old creation will give way to a Day when all things will be made New. In Jesus, the old man will give way to the sons of God. What are you longing for Jesus to restore these days?
- In light of this week's Psalm, is there a way you are personally encouraged or challenged?
- Does this Psalm raise any questions for you that you would like to ask the group and bring to the Lord in prayer?
- Read the Psalm together again, and use it as a guide for a time of prayer.

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