



discussion
questions



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BELONG

1. As a group discuss elements of God's creation that leave you speechless. What is it about these elements that drive you to these emotions?
2. In the Chronicles of Narnia, The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe, an exchange between the beavers and Susan takes place as they discuss the reality of Aslan (Christ figure whom Susan has never seen him but has made certain assumptions about)
3. "Aslan is a lion – the Lion, the great Lion." "Ooh" said Susan. "I'd thought he was a man. Is he quite safe? I shall feel rather nervous about meeting lion"..."Safe?" said Mr. Beaver...."Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you."
4. As a group discuss the truth Mr. Beaver highlighted in that Aslan (be a kid for a moment and go with Aslan!) can be "good" but "not safe"? Does this have something to do with the various aspects of Aslan's nature....do you think people tend to focus on certain aspects of His nature without giving full weight to His fullness?

GROW

Read Psalm 19. In the Psalm David writes and gives witness to God's divine authority over creation and His power through His recorded Word.

1. Verses 1-2 a. The heavens declare the _____ of God b. The sky proclaims the work of His _____. - Discuss the word "declare" and "proclaim" in the context of the verses – define the words and apply them to the attributes David expresses.
2. Verses 3-4 – in these verses David further describes the power of the created heavens and sky a. Pour out _____ b. Communicate _____ c. Their voice is not heard d. Their message (what is it?) has gone out to all the _____ e. Their words (thought their voice is not heard...discuss) to the ends of the inhabited world

In the last part of verse 4, David says He (God) has pitched a tent for the sun – this is important for the readers of the day given the worship of the sun god and it's ascribed divinity – what is David saying to the readers with this statement?

3. Verses 7-8 a. The instruction of the Lord is _____ - what is the impact of God's instruction according to David – discuss your experiences. b. The testimony of the Lord is _____ - discuss aspects of God's testimony in your life and why you can agree with this statement c. The precepts of the Lord are right – what are precepts....and why would they make the heart glad? d. The commandment of the Lord is radiant (clear) making the eyes are clear – what does David's words hear suggest regarding the impact of instruction in our lives?
4. Verse 9. a. The fear of the Lord is i. Pure – define the word pure and then discuss its application in the context of these verses ii. Enduring forever - define the word enduring and then discuss its application in the context of these verses b. The ordinances of the Lord are i. Reliable – provides comfort and safety ii. Altogether righteous – they are good for us even when it doesn't seem like it

REACH

Consider the words instruction, testimony, precepts, commandments, fear, and ordinances – in today's culture they don't line up well with individualistic and pluralistic worldviews – discuss how these sentiments and words positively impact bringing joy, peace, and comfort to lives and the hope it can provide to those doubting or struggling with faith issues. Discuss God's power and sovereignty as evident in creation and how you can bring this level of power and strength down to the intimate "daddy" nature of God. Discuss ways in which the power and sovereignty of God can also help people who are struggling with faith issues.