

Beautiful Day

Psalm 118:24

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." - Psalm 118:24

Main Point: Regardless of what happens there is still beauty in life around us.

Introduction: Use the following questions to introduce the topic of discussion -

What's your favorite U2 song (if you have one!)? Do you know the name of the lead singer?

Describe a recent day you would classify as beautiful, whether it was because of the company you kept, where you were, or just the weather being nice.

It is easy to get caught up in the humdrum of life to the point of losing sight of why the days we have are special. There is value and meaning in each day and we should take time to reflect on just how beautiful the day God made truly is.

Start by reading Psalm 118:19-24. We must recognize:

1) **THE DAY IS THE LORD'S.**

What excuses have you made for not coming to worship on Sundays? How does recognizing that Sundays don't belong to us change your idea of staying committed to worship at church?

Read **Hebrews 10:24-25**. What are some reasons this passage points out we should worship together each week?

Do you think people who practice generally perform better than those who don't? Why or why not? How does this apply to our life of faith and its evidence outside of church?

2) **REMEMBER THE DAY WAS CREATED BY THE LORD.**

What are some things that you or your children have started to take for granted? Why is it so easy to take a new day for granted?

Read **Psalm 90:12**. How does numbering our days help in developing wisdom? Where are you investing most of the time in your day? Is it joyful?

What does it mean for you to have another day, another opportunity, to make a difference in God's Kingdom, in the realm of this life? Read Paul's words in **Ephesians 5:15-16**. What does Paul mean, "the days are evil?"

3) **THE DAY IS TO BE JOYFUL.**

What do you equate joy with? How is our joy to be different from that of the world?

Read **Psalm 37:1-4**. How can living for the Lord bring you more joy than living to please yourself?

Read **Psalm 30:5**. What sorrow do you need to leave in yesterday? What can you focus on in joy moving forward into a new day?

Apply It:

What reminders each day would help you see each day as something joyful to behold? Write them down and keep them somewhere visible.

Pray:

Lord you have made each day special and have blessed me to be a part of it. Thank you for the opportunity to worship and serve you today and every day. Remind me daily to be joyful in the life you've given me and share the joy of Jesus with those around me. Amen.

Coming up at VillageChurch:

- Aug. 12:** VGroup Leader Meeting 11am in the Student Center
- Aug. 19:** Church wide volunteer training 5:30pm in the Student Center
- Aug. 26:** VGroups Fair Begins! Both services
- Sept 9:** Change in Service Times! 9am and 10:30am.