

Sermon Discussion – 23 June 2024

Read Psalm 19

Getting Started *Sharing from personal experience*

Creation shows us God's power, beauty and creativity. King David talks about how the heavens "speak" to us without words and that they provide evidence of God's goodness and power. What is one of the most beautiful places you have ever visited? What did you love about it and why?

Observation *Discovering the context*

Psalm 19 begins by considering the communication of God to us through nature. This Psalm addresses three specific ways we can learn to recognise God's voice: through his world, through his Word, and through his instruction for living.

- How does creation declare the glory and goodness of God?
- Do you expect to hear God speak to you? What does God's voice sound like to you? When can you hear him most clearly?

Interpretation *Discovering the meaning*

1. Have you ever felt like God was hiding from you or not speaking to you? Share an experience where you longed to hear from God. How do you usually seek God's guidance or listen for His voice in your life?
2. Re-read v. 1-6. Discuss the concept of "general revelation." How does nature communicate God's existence and attributes to us?
3. Look again at v. 7-11. Discuss the significance of "special revelation." Why is Scripture essential for understanding God's plan for salvation? How do you personally engage with the Bible?
4. David's psalm highlights our need for God's grace and mercy in v. 12-14. How does acknowledging our sins and imperfections help us grow closer to God?
5. David addresses two kinds of sins in this Psalm: hidden faults (v.12) and presumptuous (wilful) sins in v. 13. Which of these are more dangerous to your spiritual health? Which is more difficult to deal with?

Application *Putting knowledge into practice*

- How can we support each other in our group to stay engaged with God's Word and attentive to His presence in our lives?
- Share a practical step you can take this week to be more aware of God's communication through nature, Scripture, or personal reflection.