

HOME GROUP QUESTIONS FROM SERMON 5th May 2024

GOD HAS SPOKEN...

Psalm 19 (all)

Ice breaker: describe the moment you enjoyed either a wonderful sunset or dawn sunrise, perhaps on holiday or at a special moment in your life.

1. THROUGH CREATION

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

2 Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.

3 There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.

4 Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

In them he has set a tent for the sun,

5 which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

Question 1: How do the heavens speak to you of the glory of God?

Question 2: What is the specific significance of God's control of the sun?

2. THROUGH HIS WORD

7 The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;

the testimony of the Lord is sure,
making wise the simple;

8 the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the Lord is pure,
enlightening the eyes;

9 the fear of the Lord is clean,
enduring for ever;

the rules of the Lord are true,
and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;

sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.

11 Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

Question 3: How does God's word impact us?

Question 4: Are there specific points emerging perhaps from the later verses of this section (above) that give additional insights (not covered in the talk)?

3. THROUGH HIS SON

12 Who can discern his errors?

Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

**13 Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me!**

**Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.**

Question 5: Why is the psalmist so worried?

Question 6: What comfort is available to us that was not available to him?

4. THROUGH HIS SPIRIT

**14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

Question 7: What does this beautiful end verse mean to you, and how will it impact your life this week?

A PRAYER

Loving Lord, thank you for your glory displayed in the universe which you have made. Thank you that this is no silent or passing glory but that you have spoken to me, through your creation, your Word, your Son and your Spirit. Help me bring my life to you in "fresh surrender" and heart-felt prayer. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. Amen.