

Summer in the Psalms – Week 1

Theme: *The Glory of God in Creation (Psalm 8)*

Preacher: Pastor David

Focus Passage: Psalm 8

Belong

Have you ever stood in a place where nature made you feel small or amazed? Where was it, and what did you feel?

Leader Notes: Encourage your group to share about moments like looking up at a starry sky, standing at the edge of the ocean, hiking a mountain, or even witnessing a sunset. These experiences often stir a sense of awe and wonder—just like David describes in Psalm 8. Use their responses to highlight how creation can be a natural doorway to worship, leading us to marvel at God’s majesty and our place in His world.

Leader Transition (Read Aloud): *The Psalms are the original “playlist” of the people of God—raw, real, and rooted in both worship and wonder. They give us a window into how people have related to God across generations. This week, Pastor David opened our series with **Psalm 8**, which paints a breathtaking picture of God’s majesty and humanity’s place in creation. As we move into our discussion, let’s consider the two main questions from the message:*

1) How does this Psalm expand my view of God, self, and the world?

2) Where do I find Jesus in this Psalm?

Believe

- 1. Read Psalm 8:1** What does this verse teach us about the character and glory of God?
Leader Notes: It shows God as personal (“our Lord”) and powerful (“majestic in all the earth”). God’s greatness is not confined—His glory is global, and His name is to be worshiped universally.
- 2. Read Psalm 8:3–4** What contrast is King David making, and what does this say about our worth? *Leader Notes: David contrasts the grandeur of the cosmos with the smallness of humanity—but instead of feeling worthless, he’s amazed that such a great God cares for us. It expands our view of God’s compassion and our value as created beings.*
- 3. Read Psalm 8:5–6** How do these verses reflect both humility and dignity in the human experience? *Leader Notes: Humility: We are not God—we are created beings. Dignity: We are crowned with glory and honor. This echoes Genesis 1:26–28—God entrusts us with responsibility over creation. We matter to God and we matter in the world.*
- 4. Read Hebrews 2:6–9 (a New Testament reference to Psalm 8).** How does this help us answer the question: “Where do I find Jesus in this Psalm?”
Leader Notes: Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of Psalm 8. Though He came as a man, He is exalted above all. Hebrews teaches that Jesus stepped into our humanity to redeem it—and now, everything is being placed under His feet. Psalm 8 prophetically points to Jesus as the perfect image of God’s design for humanity.

Become

1. **How does Psalm 8 change the way you see God and your daily life in His creation?**

Leader Notes: It reminds us that every part of life is under God's majestic rule, and yet He still cares about me personally. It challenges us to worship and live with awe—even in ordinary moments.

2. **What would change if you truly believed you were “crowned with glory and honor” by God?**

Leader Notes: We'd live with more purpose and confidence. We wouldn't chase validation from the world. We'd treat others with the same dignity and value God gives to all people.

3. **What's one way you can reflect God's image more clearly this week—in your work, relationships, or habits?**

Leader Notes: This could look like choosing integrity at work, being present and kind in family life, encouraging someone who's struggling, or simply taking time to rest and worship. We reflect God when we live intentionally, aware of His design and purpose in us.