

Psalm 19 – Life Group Notes – Week beginning 20th January 2019

(This is the least important question, so don't spend too long answering it!)

Q. Are there any famous sayings which are particularly memorable to you? Or any words which have been spoken by a friend which you find encouraging?

When God speaks it is memorable ...

God speaks through creation

Q. Can you recollect a time when you saw something amazing in creation? Perhaps an amazing sunset or an amazing landscape??

Read Psalm 19:1-6

Q. What does the Psalmist say about creation in verse 1?

Q. What does it mean that the heavens declare God's glory?

Q. Verse 2 says that the creation "reveals knowledge" about God ... What is your understanding of this?

Q. What kind of "knowledge" does creation reveal?

Read Romans 1:20

Q. What does Paul have to say about the purpose of the "knowledge" which creation reveals?

In verses 4-6 the Psalmist speaks of the sun and the glory it displays ... but not it's own glory, rather the glory of the creator. The sun is essential for life on earth, which links verses 1-6 to the next bit of the Psalm. The Word of the Lord ... which is completely essential for true spiritual life.

God speaks through his word

Read verses 7-11

One commentator suggests (rightly in my opinion) that the law of the Lord is "revelation" not "legislation". Discuss this amongst yourselves!

Verse 7 goes on to say that the “law” or “word” of the Lord refreshes the soul. A better translation is “turns back” the soul ...

Q. How does the word of the Lord “turn back” the soul?

The rest of verses 7-9 include other aspects of the word of God. Take some time to look through them and reflect on them together.

Q. What do verses 10+11 tell us about the value and purpose of God’s law/word?

The Worshippers Response

Read verses 12-14 ...

Q. Having pondered God’s revelation, through creation and through his word, how does David respond?

Q. Can you recollect a time when God has clearly spoken to you through creation or through his word? What was the impact this had on you?

Q. Looking at verses 12-14, what can we draw from these verses in terms of an appropriate response to God’s revelation of who he is?

Read Hebrews 1:1+2 as a reminder that God has revealed himself most clearly through his Son Jesus ...

Try to live each day this week intentionally ... intentionally have your eyes open to God’s wonders and revelation in creation and in his word.

Spend some time in prayer responding appropriately to all that God has revealed to you and asking for the Spirit’s power to live a life of worship to him.

Paul ☺