



SERMON STUDY GUIDE

"PSALM 8" ON JUNE 16 AND 19, 2022

CONNECT

How did last week's passage we read/discussed affect your week?

DISCOVER: PSALM 3

- What did the passage say (in your own words) or what impacted you/did you take away from the sermon this week?
- How does this passage or did the sermon point you to Jesus (teach us about Jesus)?
- Did you find anything challenging about this passage (words you didn't understand, phrases that didn't make sense, etc.)?

PSALM 8: David presents his worldview in this psalm that describes the greatness of God the Creator and gives assurance of the worth of mankind. The psalm provides a structure for us as created beings to wrestle with just who we are....so much less than the majestic and great God who created us, yet given dominion over the rest of His creation! Created in His image, we are given honor and dignity! We have to think, 'Where am I at with this passage?'

The Majesty of God: Wrestling with Verses 1 and 2

- What does the word 'majestic' mean to you? How can you relate to that term, and how do you apply it to God and your relationship with Him?
- The way we perceive the world changes the way we live in it – how do you view the world? Is it created by Intelligent Design or by random chance? What causes you to perceive it this way?
- David was very clear about stating his worldview. If Intelligent Design is your worldview, how are you living out the order of God's creation – God, humanity, the rest of Creation? What blessings and what responsibilities do you find in this order?

The Majesty of God: Wrestling with Verses 3-5

- How would you complete, "When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, _____."
- In light of all God has created, we are very small! Yet think on verse 4 - what does it mean to you that God is 'mindful of you' and has 'crowned you with glory and honor'? How do you wrestle with that paradox, and how does that comfort or challenge you?

The Majesty of God: Wrestling with Verses 6-8 in light of Genesis 3 – enter SIN! When man sinned, he lost some of the authority God had given at the time of Creation, and Satan stepped in to take his hold on the world. How would you respond to these questions in light of what you know about how God equips us to oppose Satan?

- If God is so good, why is there so much brokenness, so much pain and tragedy? Why do bad things happen?
- Why does the world oppose God so much? How can I as a frail human being face such opposition? What can I offer?
- What examples can you find in the Bible that show how God used human weakness to oppose Satan and show His glory? With whom could I share one of those examples to encourage him/her?

The Majesty of God: Sin brought tragedy.....and God sent Jesus. Now we have opportunity! When Jesus took all our brokenness, all of our tragedy and bore it on the cross for our sakes, He reclaimed the authority mankind lost! He claims us as His own! He created for us OPPORTUNITY – opportunity to be a part of the process begun by 11 disciples and shared by billions of people today praising Him in the world around us,



CHURCH

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loving God and loving people!

- In light of the beauty of Psalm 8, where are you at with this passage? How will you take the opportunity God is giving you to love Him first, changing our community by being a people who praise God and help transform the world around us?

RESPOND

- How does this passage encourage you, challenge you, or change you in your efforts to become more like Jesus?
- What is one thing you learned about yourself from God's Word? How will you respond in obedience this week?
- Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you at a CU Church gathering.

PRAY

... for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.