



Waymaker - Week 2

March 28-29, 2020 - Tim Harlow

This week, Pastor Tim talks about 5 of the most powerful words about God in the whole Bible.

NOTE: We are sending this out early so you and your families can spend time watching service and discussing the Study Guide together! If you're looking for some virtual ways to connect with your Small Group, check out [Zoom](#) or [Google Hangouts](#)!

CELEBRATE

At the beginning of your small group time, it's good to share about your week and share with each other how you're doing. So, spend some time, right now, connecting before jumping into the discussion questions. You can use the *Connect* section as a guide. If you're doing this Study Guide on your own, take a moment to focus your mind on God and what He might want you to hear today.

CONNECT

1. Talk about the most hopeful thing you've seen during this COVID-19 season. Why did that video, act, etc. carry so much hope for you?

2. Think about 2-3 words that have had a deep impact on your life thus far. Talk about why those words are so critical for you.

Before watching the sermon, or moving on in this study, take a minute to remember that God is always with you. Pray as a group for God to bless your conversation and open your eyes and hearts to what He wants you to hear.

REFLECT

Before moving forward in your study, take a moment and review the key points from this weekend's message.

1. The name "Elohim" in the Bible typically refers to "the one true God."
2. If the first 5 words of the Bible are true, it means God is strong enough.
3. If the first 5 words of the Bible are true, it means God is smart enough.
4. If the first 5 words of the Bible are true, it means He's in charge.
5. If the first 5 words of the Bible are true, it means He loves you very much.

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE: Genesis 1:1, Proverbs 18:10, Isaiah 40:25-26, 45:9; 28; Mark 4:41, Hebrews 3:4, Revelation 4:11

RESPOND

1. Talk about a thought, phrase, or moment from this weekend's message that stuck out to you. What made it resonate with you?
2. Talk about how you've seen the level of creativity rise in this pandemic/stay-at-home season. How have you harnessed your own creativity while living in different rhythms & habits?
3. Read Psalm 65:5-13. Read slowly and make a note of any words or phrases that stand out to you. The Psalms are poems so they use images that inspire, challenge, and help us simply think about God. They were written to a culture that survived by farming, different than our culture of industries and digital technology.
4. Pick 2-3 images or phrases from this Psalm that tell you something about God. Talk about why those images are important to you.
5. Pastor Tim said that if "in the beginning, God created..." is true, then God is strong, smart, in charge, and loves us very much. Talk about where you hear these four concepts in Psalm 65. How would life look different in this season if we took these concepts seriously in our daily lives?
6. The verses of Psalm 65:5-13 seem to be divided in half. 65:5-8 seem to be "big picture" acts of God and 9-13 feel "smaller." Talk about what it means for God to be both the creator of the mountains and the one who designed water to help grain to grow, feeding us.

7. Talk about which "side" of God's power you need MOST right now: the all-powerful God who cares for us even in the midst of an uncontrollable pandemic? Or the God who takes care of the day-to-day needs we have while we're stuck at home, doing school online, or trying to make our payments in financial uncertainty?
8. Consider memorizing the set of verses (5-8 or 9-13) that are most impactful to you right now. Write them down and post them on your fridge, the lock screen on your phone, etc. Let these images give you strength during this difficult time.

Closing Prayer:

God, thank you that you are smart and in charge of everything around us. You care for us even when we're unsure of what happens next. Helps us to trust you with the big stuff and the so-called "little" day to day needs. You are as concerned with them as we are. That's because You love us deeply. Thank you. We love you.

Amen.