

SERMON STUDY



REFLECT

1. What part of Sunday's sermon has remained on your mind since you heard it?
2. Where did you feel most challenged, helped, or stretched in thinking biblically about Christian Nationalism?

ENCOUNTER

This week, we began a new sermon series: "What Does the Bible Say About..." For the next few weeks, we'll look at what Scripture says about difficult, even controversial issues. But underneath it all is a more important question: Is the Word of God sufficient?

The world forms its beliefs primarily from life experience and misplaced desires. It looks at Creation to derive ultimate meaning and purpose from it. Theologians call this *general revelation*. And creation does tell us some things about God: He is real, powerful, and creative. But it doesn't tell us everything we need to know about Him or how we should think about the world.

But God has given us something special. He has spoken to us through His Word. Psalm 19 helps us see both realities. It begins with what creation reveals about God, then turns to God's Word, showing us who He is and how we are to live before Him. So read Psalm 19 and discuss the following questions.

3. In verses 1–6, what does creation reveal about God? What can creation not tell us about God or ourselves?
4. In verses 7–11, how is God's Word described, and what does it accomplish in a person's life?

5. How does the psalmist move from describing God's Word to responding personally in verses 12–14?
6. How does Psalm 19 help answer the question: Why should we go to the Bible to understand cultural issues?

TRANSFORM

7. What have you been reading from God's Word over the past month?
8. What tends to compete with Scripture for your attention, trust, or authority in everyday life?
9. What is one step you can take this week to more intentionally listen to God through His Word?

RESPOND

10. Ask God to give you a greater desire for His Word. Pray that you would see it as more valuable than anything else and gladly obey it.
11. Ask God to help you trust and follow His Word this week, especially in areas where your instincts or the world's voices compete for authority.

"Let the man who would hear God speak, read Holy Scripture."

~ Martin Luther ~