Discussion Questions for Small Groups Psalms part 6 - Psalm 19 Marty's Message

- 1. Psalm 19:1-4 talks about a "declaration", a "proclamation", "speech", revelation, "words", a "voice": What is the message? How many people get to hear the voice (the visual proclamation)?
- 2. Having portrayed the night sky, David, in 19:5-6, talks about the daytime Sun adding to the proclamation of the heavens. What are the two similes that David uses to describe the Sun's role/character in the revelation of God? What are these two men like? How many people are affected by the circuit of the sun's light and heat?
- 3. In verses 19:7-9 there are six near-synonymous terms used for the LORD's instructions, followed by six descriptive adjectives and then six expected effects that the instructions will have in humans. What is the point that David is attempting to communicate with these six terms and descriptions, what do you think it is?

Law > is Perfect > Reviving the Soul
Testimony > is Sure > makes Simple, Wise
Precepts > are Right > the Heart Rejoices
Commandment > is Pure > Enlightening Eyes
Fear > is Clean > Endures Forever
Rules > are True > produce Righteousness

- 4. How valuable does David think the revealed instructions of the LORD are for humanity? Look at the effects listed in 7-9 and especially at the descriptions in 10-11.
- 5. The last three verses are pleas and prayers that reflect David's concern about his own standing before the LORD. What are his pleas? What are his prayers? To Whom does he, with apparent Faith, address his prayerful appeal of verse 14? Would this prayer be a suitable and appropriate regular prayer for us today?