## **How Does God Speak to Us?**

Read: Psalm 19

**Main Idea:** God has revealed himself through creation, through Scripture, and ultimately through Jesus, the Word of God, so that people may know him and be saved.

**Key Verses:** "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork....The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple." **(19:1, 7)** 

## **Key Principles:**

- God reveals His presence and His glory through wonder of nature and the splendor of the heavens..
- God reveals His will and His plan through the law of His word and the grace of His gospel.
- His word is perfect and gives wisdom and brings joy to all who read it and apply it to their lives.
- Scriptures are pure and provide direction for this life and eternity.
- There is nothing in this life more valuable that the revelation of God through His word about His Son that leads to our salvation.
- The Holy Spirit illuminates the true meaning of scripture so that the reader might understand and believe the truth of God's word.

#### Discussion:

- 1. What does creation teach us about God? Describe a time when seeing God's creation helped you better understand his power and glory.
- 2. In what ways can you use creation to talk to nonbelievers about God? How could you use Scripture to affirm and build on that aspect of creation?
- 3. What does Scripture teach us about God that creation cannot? What is the purpose of Scripture?
- 4. How is having Scripture an example of God's mercy and grace?
- 5. Do you always believe the truths about Scripture that are highlighted in Psalm 19? Do you ever doubt that Scripture brings joy, is sweet, or is liberating? Why?
- 6. Why should you be concerned about unintentional sins? How do you become aware of your own unintentional sins? How should your heart respond when you become aware of these sins? How could your flesh tempt you to respond?
- 7. Psalm 19 reminds us that Christ is the true Word of God. Why is this truth good news? How does this truth make Christianity different from every other religion?

### Prayer:

- Focus on grace of God in revealing Himself to us through creation and Scripture.
- Pray:
  - o That God would remind you of glory and majesty through the wonder of creation...
  - o That we remember that we are dependent upon His word & Spirit for wisdom & joy.
  - o That we would respond to God's revelation with belief and obedience.

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l.	God speaks through His <u>creation</u> .		19:1-6
	1.	The <u>heavens</u> speak of His <u>glory</u> .	19:1
	2.	The <u>days</u> speak of His <u>grace</u> .	19:2-4
	3.	The sun speaks of His greatness.	19:4-6
II.	God speaks through His word.		19:7-14
	1.	He reveals <u>perfect</u> <u>truth</u> .	19:7-9
	2.	He reveals proper priorities.	19:10-11
	3.	He reveals appropriate responses.	19:12-14

**NEXT WEEK:** Where is God in the Midst of Suffering? 2 Corinthians 12:1-10