

Steward of God's Glory Psalm 8 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

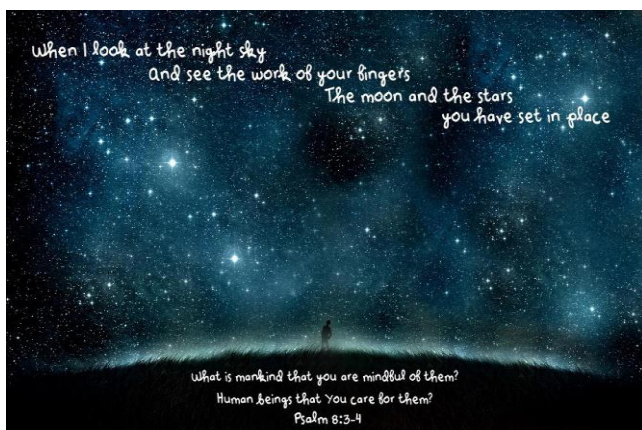
What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we will look at Psalm 8. Many of the Psalms provide wonderful insight to God's glory and majesty. In this passage, we see the psalmist declaring the glory of God's handy work in all of creation. He also reveals the responsibility of mankind— God entrusted His creation to man, that man might rule over it. God, in all His glory and power, has given man the responsibility to be a good steward over His creation. While man is weak, God reveals His glory and strength through weakness. Are you honoring God with all He has entrusted to you?



Psalm 8 (NASB)

The LORD's Glory and Man's Dignity.

FOR THE CHOIR DIRECTOR; ON
THE GITTITH. A PSALM OF DAVID.

8 O LORD, our Lord,
How majestic is Your name in all the earth,
Who have displayed Your splendor above the
heavens!
² From the mouth of infants and nursing babes
You have established strength
Because of Your adversaries,
To make the enemy and the revengeful cease.
³ When I consider Your heavens, the work of
Your fingers,
The moon and the stars, which You
have ordained;

⁴ What is man that You take thought of him,
And the son of man that You care for him?
⁵ Yet You have made him a little lower
than God,
And You crown him with glory and majesty!
⁶ You make him to rule over the works of Your
hands;
You have put all things under his feet,
⁷ All sheep and oxen,
And also the beasts of the field,
⁸ The birds of the heavens and the fish of the
sea,
Whatever passes through the paths of the
seas.
⁹ O LORD, our Lord,
How majestic is Your name in all the earth!

● EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

② **EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. How is God's splendor displayed?

9. How has God demonstrated "taking thought" of man as it says in verse 4?

10. How has God crowed man with glory and majesty?

11. What responsibility does God give to man in this passage?

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

12. What should we do to take responsibility for ruling over the earth?

13. How can we be honoring to God in the way that we rule over the earth?

14. In verse 2 it indicates that God uses the weak to reveal His strength. Have you seen this happen in your life?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

SERMON NOTES