

Growth Group Leader Guide

This “growth group leader guide” is meant to be just that, a guide. Please feel free as the leader of your group to add questions or comments as you feel necessary to fit your group’s dynamics.

Also, don’t feel pressured to cover every question.

Psalm 19

- Read Psalm 19
- What insight, principle, or observation from Sunday’s message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

I. The Revelation of Creation

- Discuss the following quote.
 - C.S. Lewis “I take this (Psalm 19) to be the greatest poem in the Psalter and one of the greatest lyrics in the world.”
- How do the heavens declare the glory of God?
- In verse 2 it says that creation reveals knowledge. What knowledge does creation reveal?
- Read verses 2-4. Why does verse 3 stick out? What do you think David is trying to get across with verse 3?
- Read Romans 1:18-13. How does this passage relate to Psalm 19?
- What knowledge does creation reveal according to Romans 1:18-23? What does man do with that knowledge? Can you think of examples?

II. The Revelation of Scripture

- How is the Revelation of Scripture clearer than the Revelation of Creation?
- Why do you think Special Revelation is written down?
- Why does David use a different name for God starting in verse 7 than in verse 1?

- *Leaders cheat: verse 1 uses the generic name for God, verse 7 and on uses God's personal name Yahweh (LORD = Yahweh).*
- What questions can't be answered by looking at creation (General Revelation) that can be answered by Scripture (Special Revelation)?
- Read verses 7-9 and discuss the different names and descriptions used by David. Have you found the descriptions of scripture in verses 7-9 true in your life? Explain.
- Read and discuss the following quote on verses 7-9.
 - **Willem A. VanGemeren** - These synonyms are not to be studied in abstraction but give a comprehensive emphasis that all of the words of the Lord are beneficial. Although the benefits of natural revelation are with us on a daily basis (v 1-6), how much greater are the comprehensive benefits of God's revealed law!
- Read verse 10. Does your life reflect the truth in this verse? Explain why or why not.

II. The Prayer for Forgiveness

- Read verses 12-13. What different types of sins are talked about in these verses?
- David ends this Psalm with a prayer in verse 14. How does it relate to verses 1-4?