

GREATER THAN

Week 1

IN THE BEGINNING, GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH

Psalms 33:6: By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all their host.

Isaiah 40:26: Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of His great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

How often do you spend time marveling at God's creation?

1. Come up with a list of some of the greatest marvels of creation that you had the opportunity to see or would like to see one day.

2. Do you believe it is important to "lift up your eyes" and spend time reflecting on God's glory and creation?

3. Isaiah 40:26 also tells us that God knows each of the billions of stars by name and not one is missing. This is an incredible truth. What does this mean for us when we start to get worried or scared that God isn't watching out for us?

LOOK AT CREATION AND YOU WILL SEE HIM

Romans 1:20: For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

4. So if we have no excuses, why do we believe we make excuses? Have you ever gone through a period of life where you have questioned the existence of God? What made you think that God wasn't there or didn't care?

5. When we begin to neglect our relationship with God, or question his existence and creation, we are essentially saying that we're the center; we're the creators of our own lives. How has this worked out for you before? Have you ever tried to follow your own path and pushed God off to the side?

Psalms 19:1: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

HE IS HOLY

1 Timothy 6:16: who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

6. Have you done this? What earthly limitations and emotions have you placed on God?

Acts 17:24-25: The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else.

7. How does this knowledge change how you see God? Is this God approachable to sinful mortals like us? Why or why not?

Isaiah 40:28: Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

HE DETERMINED EXACTLY WHEN AND WHERE WE WOULD BE BORN

Jeremiah 1:5: Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.

8. So why are you here? Are you living as if your purpose is to make yourself known or are you living to make God known?

9. Are you actively feeling your way towards God by pursuing a relationship with Him?

10. How are you pursuing this relationship? Do you spend time in His word? Do you pray? Worship Him? Spend time in quite wonder and awe of His creation?

1 Peter 2:9: But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

REFLECT: What are some areas of "darkness" that you may still be living in? A secret sin? The way you treat others? The way you treat yourself?

GOD ORCHESTRATED THIS

Acts 17:26-27: From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.

11. So what is your purpose? How can you begin, even in small ways, to live out that purpose?

Exodus 9:16: But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.

You are alive this minute, on this day, in this year to declare and reflect the glory of God. What could be a better purpose than that?

