

PERSONAL REFLECTION GUIDE

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- What main point from the sermon stood out to you? What did the Holy Spirit convict you of or encourage you with?
- What is the most beautiful thing you have seen in creation? Describe the scene and how it made you feel.
- **Read Psalm 8 aloud.** What words, phrases, or themes stand out to you?
- In what ways does creation point us to God? What does nature reveal about Him? (**Read Romans 1:20-23**)
- Does observing God's world move you to worship daily? What role should this act have in your spiritual disciplines?
- **Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-29.** In this passage and in Psalm 8:2, God uses the weak to accomplish His purposes. Why do you think He works that way? If God uses the weak, how does that both bring Him glory and honor to the person?
- Why do verses 4-5 voice a surprising truth? How should verse 5 shape how you view and treat all people?
- What are some examples of culture taking too high or too low a view of people? How can verses 5-8 help you keep the right perspective of yourself and others?
- What does it mean to be caretakers of the world (vv. 6-8)? How should this impact your relationship with the natural world?
- **Read Hebrews 2:5-9.** How does psalm 8 point towards Jesus? How does it lead you to worship Him?
- Take a moment to step outside and as you look around, meditate on the fact that those trees, etc. were created by God.
- What is one practical way to honor God's creation this week – either by how you treat people, animals, or nature?
- Based on this passage or the sermon, what is one step of obedience the Holy Spirit is leading you towards this week?

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

Read Psalm 23. What is the role of a shepherd? How does God demonstrate that for us?



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FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE

Southland Church is committed to helping parents raise the next generation of disciples who KNOW Christ, LIVE like Him, and make Him KNOWN. This guide is meant to help you as a family, particularly those over 12 years old, to discuss the Sunday sermon. You can do this in an evening devotion or over lunch after service.

A few tips to get started: (1) Make this a phone-free conversation. You and your family put the phones away, except for the person who looks up the Scriptures. He/She would read the passage and then put his/her phone away. (2) Set the pace for how vulnerable to be. If you give a shallow answer, you are more likely to get a shallow answer from your kids. (3) Do not feel like you have to ask all of these questions. Just focus on having a good honest discussion.

Open with prayer, asking God to lead you to know more about Christ and live like Him.

- What stood out to you from the sermon this week as challenging or encouraging?
- What is the coolest thing you've ever seen in nature? Why did it stand out to you?
- **Read Psalm 8** out loud together. What is a word or phrase that stands out to you?
- What does this passage teach you about God? About people?
- What is one way you've seen God's greatness in your life?
- Have you ever had a moment when you looked at nature (maybe a night sky or mountain scene) and felt small? Describe that time.
- Does thinking about the size of the universe make you feel closer to God or farther from Him? Why?
- In verses 4-5, how does it feel that the Creator of the universe cares for you?
- What is one area of your life when you need to remember that God cares for you?
- If you were in charge of something really valuable, how would you treat it?
- What is one way we can show respect for God's creation as a family (by how we treat other people or how we care for nature)?
- Take a moment to go outside together and thank God for His creation in prayer.
- What is one thing God wants you to do or believe from these passages or the sermon?

Ask if there is some way you can pray for your family members, and then close in prayer.

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