

HEAVEN & EARTH

WEEK ONE DISCUSSION

READ GENESIS 1:1-10

READ PSALM 14:2, 102:19, 103:19; HOW DO THESE MAKE YOU THINK ABOUT GOD?



WHAT IMAGES COME UP WHEN YOU THINK OF HEAVEN? HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT THAT GOD'S DWELLING PLACE IN THE SKY?



HOW DO YOU FEEL WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE SKY? DOES IT MAKE YOU THINK OF GOD?



HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT "HEAVENS" NOT BEING WHERE GOD LIVES?

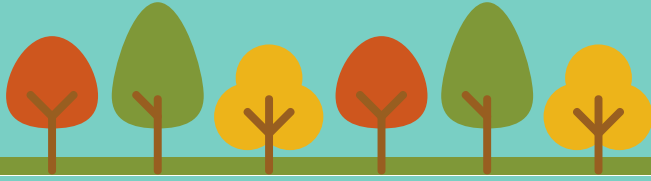


IS IT HARD TO NOT REALLY UNDERSTAND WHERE GOD DWELLS YET?



THIS WEEK, AS A RESPONSE TO THIS, READ THE BIBLE AND THE WORDS HE HAS GIVEN TO HELP US UNDERSTAND HOW BIG AND POWERFUL HE IS.





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WEEK TWO DISCUSSION

READ GENESIS 2

WHAT WOULD IT BE LIKE TO BE WITH GOD IN THE GARDEN?



GOD WAS WITH ADAM AND EVE IN THEIR EVERYDAY ACTIVITY, HAVE YOU EVER FELT GOD WHEN YOU'RE DOING REGULAR THINGS?



HAVE YOU EVER EXPERIENCED GOD IN NATURE? HOW DID THOSE EXPERIENCES MAKE YOU FEEL?



DO YOU THINK THAT GOD WANTS TO BE A PART OF THE "BORING" PARTS OF YOUR DAY?

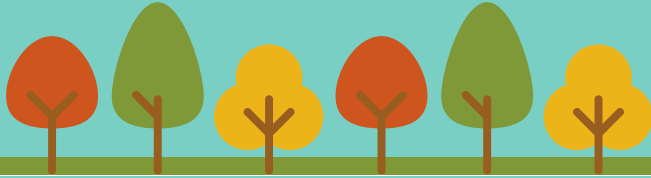


WHERE DO YOU FEEL GOD THE MOST?



HOW CAN YOU INVITE GOD INTO THE "BORING" PARTS OF YOUR DAY THIS WEEK?





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WEEK THREE DISCUSSION

READ GENESIS 3:1-13

DO YOU THINK IT WAS RIGHT FOR GOD TO SEND ADAM AND EVE OUT OF THE GARDEN?



READ DEUTERONOMY 30:11-20. IS THIS SIMILAR TO THE CHOICE THAT ADAM AND EVE MADE? IN WHAT WAYS IS IT DIFFERENT?



HAVE YOU EVER TRUSTED IN GOD TO DECIDE HOW A SITUATION SHOULD BE? HOW DID THAT TURN OUT?



HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT THAT YOU KNEW WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN IN A SITUATION BETTER THAN GOD? WHAT HAPPENED?

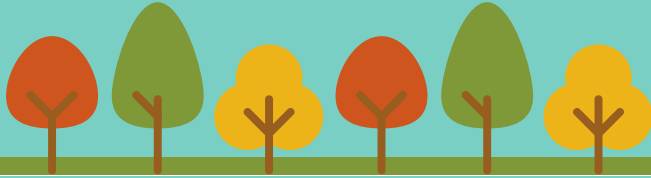


HOW DOES IT FEEL TO LET GOD BE IN CONTROL OF ALL SITUATIONS?



WHAT IS ONE SITUATION THAT YOU WILL BE IN THIS WEEK THAT YOU COULD TRUST GOD WITH?





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WEEK FOUR DISCUSSION

READ GENESIS 11:1-9 & GENESIS 12:1-3

READ MICAH 4:1-2. WHAT IS DIFFERENT ABOUT GOD'S KINGDOM TO COME AND THE KINGDOM OF BABEL?



WHY DO YOU THINK GOD CHOSE TO SCATTER THE PEOPLE OF BABEL? HOW WAS THIS A PART OF HIS PLAN FOR HIS KINGDOM THROUGH ABRAHAM?



HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TEMPTED TO PUT YOUR PLANS ABOVE GOD'S PLANS? HOW?



HOW DO YOU USE THE THINGS GOD HAS BLESSED YOU WITH TO MAKE YOURSELF GREATER?

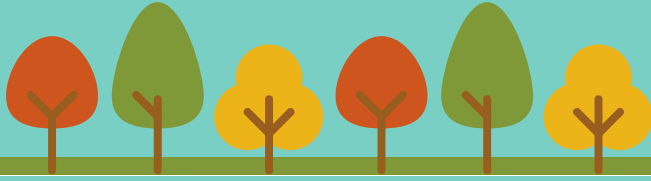


HAVE YOU EVER HAD TO WAIT A LONG TIME ON GOD TO MOVE IN A SITUATION? WAS IT EASY OR HARD?



WHAT ARE WAYS THIS WEEK YOU CAN PUT GOD AND HIS WAY ABOVE YOUR OWN?





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WEEK FIVE DISCUSSION

READ GENESIS 28:10-22

HAVE YOU HEARD THIS STORY BEFORE? WHAT DID YOU KNOW ABOUT IT BEFORE?



DO YOU KNOW ANY OTHER STORIES IN THE BIBLE WHERE GOD APPEARED TO PEOPLE AT UNUSUAL MOMENTS? READ EXODUS 3:1-10



HAVE YOU EVER HAD AN ORDINARY SITUATION WHERE YOU ENCOUNTERED GOD? HOW DID IT MAKE YOU FEEL?



SHARE IF IS IT HARD TO SEE GOD WORKING IN YOUR LIFE. HAVE YOU EVER WISHED HE WOULD SHOW UP LIKE HE DID FOR JACOB?



HOW DOES IT MAKE YOU FEEL KNOWING GOD USES ORDINARY PEOPLE TO DO AWESOME THINGS?



HOW CAN YOU BE AWARE OF THE WAYS GOD IS TRYING TO WORK THROUGH YOU THIS WEEK?





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WEEK SIX DISCUSSION

READ EXODUS 29:42-46

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT THE FACT THAT ISRAELITES COULDN'T BE WITH GOD ALL THE TIME?



THE TABERNACLE WAS THE FIRST PERMANENT HOME FOR GOD, HOW DID GOD'S PEOPLE INTERACT WITH GOD BEFORE?



HOW WOULD IT FEEL IF YOU COULD ONLY BE WITH GOD EVERY ONCE AND A WHILE?



ARE THERE PLACES WHERE IT'S EASIER TO FEEL LIKE YOU'RE WITH GOD? ARE THERE PLACES WHERE IT'S HARDER?



HOW DO YOU THINK THE ISRAELITES FELT ABOUT THE TABERNACLE?



HOW DOES KNOWING YOU CAN BE WITH GOD ALL THE TIME VERSUS ONLY IN A TEMPLE CHANGE THE WAY YOU SEE AND SPEND TIME WITH HIM?





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WEEK SEVEN DISCUSSION

READ 1 KINGS 8:10-11;27 AND PSALM 139:1-16

WHEN YOU THINK OF WHERE GOD IS, WHAT IS YOUR FIRST THOUGHT? WHERE DOES THE BIBLE SAY GOD IS?



THINK ABOUT HOW GOD IS EVERYWHERE, BUT ALSO IN SPECIFIC PLACES LIKE THE TEMPLE. WHAT MAKES SENSE ABOUT THIS? WHAT IS CONFUSING ABOUT THIS?



HOW DOES IT MAKE YOU FEEL THAT GOD KEEPS MAKING A WAY TO BE CLOSE TO HIS PEOPLE?



DO YOU FEEL LIKE GOD IS ALWAYS WITH YOU? DO YOU FEEL LIKE HE COULD BE CLOSER?



WHAT WAS A TIME WHEN GOD FELT NEAR? WHAT WAS A TIME WHEN GOD FELT FAR AWAY?



THIS WEEK, WHAT ARE PLACES YOU CAN LOOK FOR GOD IN YOUR DAILY LIFE?





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WEEK EIGHT DISCUSSION

READ ISAIAH 65:17-25

WHAT IN THIS PASSAGE WAS CONFUSING? IS THERE ANYTHING THAT STOOD OUT TO YOU?



DO YOU THINK THAT THE PROPHETS HAD A LOT OF HOPE? WHY OR WHY NOT?



HOW DOES THIS PASSAGE MAKE YOU FEEL ABOUT HEAVEN? IS THIS DIFFERENT THAN HOW YOU'VE FELT BEFORE?



HOW DO YOU FEEL KNOWING THAT JESUS WAS WHAT THE PROPHETS WERE HOPING FOR?



DOES READING ABOUT THE HOPE THEY HAD TO BE REUNITED WITH GOD GIVE YOU ANY HOPE?



HOW CAN THE HOPE THE PROPHETS HAD INSPIRE YOU TO PUT HOPE IN GOD THIS WEEK?





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WEEK NINE DISCUSSION

READ MATTHEW 6:9-13

HAVE YOU HEARD THIS PASSAGE BEFORE? WHAT DO YOU THINK THE KINGDOM IS?



HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD BEFORE? WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?



DO YOU THINK THAT YOU ARE A PART OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD? WHY OR WHY NOT?



HOW DO YOU FEEL KNOWING THAT JESUS WAS THE ANSWER TO THE PROMISE GOD MADE THE FIRST WEEK OF OUR LESSONS?



HOW DO YOU FEEL KNOWING YOU ARE A PART OF GOD'S PLAN TO REUNITE HEAVEN AND EARTH?



THIS WEEK, TRY PRAYING THE LORD'S PRAYER, FOCUS ON THE LINE "YOUR KINGDOM COME"





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WEEK TEN DISCUSSION

READ JOHN 2:13-22

DO YOU THINK THAT THIS IS HOW JESUS SHOULD HAVE RESPONDED? WHAT ABOUT THIS IS STRANGE IF ANYTHING?



IF YOU WERE IN THE TEMPLE AND HEARD THIS WHAT WOULD YOU THINK? WHAT DO YOU THINK NOW THAT YOU KNOW WHAT HE MEANT?



WOULD YOU HAVE WANTED TO SEE JESUS IN PERSON? HOW WOULD IT HAVE FELT TO TALK TO HIM?



IS JESUS BEING GOD'S TEMPLE A STATEMENT THAT GIVES YOU HOPE? WHY OR WHY NOT?

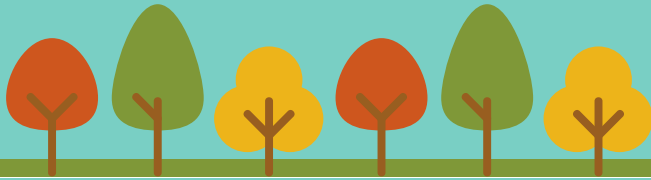


IS IT EASY OR HARD TO BELIEVE AND FIND HOPE IN THE FACT THAT JESUS DYING WAS BETTER FOR US THAN HAVING HIM PHYSICALLY HERE WITH US?



HOW CAN THE HOPE OF KNOWING JESUS HELP YOU LOOK AT THE BIBLE IN A NEW WAY THIS WEEK?





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WEEK ELEVEN DISCUSSION

READ EPHESIANS 2:19-22; 1 CORINTHIANS 3:16-17

WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT WE, TOGETHER, ARE GOD'S TEMPLE? HOW DOES THAT CHANGE HOW YOU THINK OF OTHER BELIEVERS?



WHAT THINGS ABOUT THE ORIGINAL TEMPLE ARE NOW TRUE OF US AS GOD'S "NEW TEMPLE?"



HOW DOES BEING THE PLACE GOD CHOOSES TO DWELL CHANGE HOW YOU SEE YOURSELF?



HOW DO YOUR THOUGHTS, ACTIONS, AND CHOICES CHANGE AS SOMEONE WHO IS A "TEMPLE OF GOD?"



IN WHAT WAYS DO YOU FEEL LIKE YOU ARE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT? IN WHAT WAYS DO YOU NOT FEEL THIS?



WHAT SITUATIONS CAN YOU BRING GOD'S PRESENCE INTO THIS WEEK?





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WEEK TWELVE DISCUSSION

READ MATTHEW 19:28-30; REVELATION 21:1-5

WHAT DO YOU KNOW OF HEAVEN? WHAT DO YOU THINK IT WILL BE LIKE?



IS THERE ANYTHING NEW THAT YOU LEARNED TODAY ABOUT WHAT HEAVEN WILL BE LIKE? IS IT CONFUSING?



HOW DO YOU FEEL WHEN WE TALK ABOUT HEAVEN?



HOW DO YOU FEEL KNOWING THAT THIS IS GOD'S ULTIMATE PLAN FOR HIS PEOPLE? REFLECT ON THE FIRST FEW WEEKS AND HOW THEY LEAD TO THIS



HOW DOES IT FEEL TO KNOW YOU HAVE A BIGGER PART IN THIS STORY? DO YOU FEEL LIKE YOU DO? HOW OR HOW NOT?



HOW CAN YOU SHARE THE AWESOME STORY OF GOD'S REDEMPTION THIS WEEK?

