

TITLE

The Heavens Declare The Glory Of God

Goal of Session:

Ice-breaker

The story of the heavens above us, as opened up by the Hubble Telescope is truly amazing.

...Show slides... What do these pictures actually tell us?

Me And The Declaration's Voice

The Declaration's Message

This Disciple's Mission

A year 8 has more general knowledge available to him than a PhD in 1900 !!!
...but we don't look up with awe anymore.

1. In **Psalm 19:1-2** it says that **the Heavens declare the glory of God and the skies proclaim the work of His hands.**
2. If we will but look up there is a voice that is speaking to us from the heavens above us. It is telling us of God, The Powerful and of God, The Immense, who created the universe..
3. **DO WE TODAY REALLY BELIEVE THIS TO BE TRUE ?** We have seen men develop from earthbound creatures to flying at 3 times the speed of sound in just 100 years. We have seen men walk on the moon. We have more information on the universe coming available each day, than all of the information that was available in all of the centuries that have preceded ours. **Problem:** The average man today knows more, and has access to more knowledge, than all of history before him combined. Man has become truly an emperor through, and in, his own mind.
4. So the question, "do we listen to the voice of the heavens" is really quite relevant. **DO WE REALLY BELIEVE / HEAR THE VOICE OF THE HEAVENS TODAY?** Do we know it? Do we hear it? Is there awe still in the heavens for me? **Do I see God when I look up?** **Why is this passage STILL here?????**

1. In **Psalm 19:2-6** goes on to say...
2. What does this mean for me, this morning ?
3. The story of Mark and Sherrylee Woodward and the start of Lets Start Talking is truly inspirational. These two former missionaries to Germany got to thinking and noticed that it said that the word itself would not return to God void. So they thought that what they needed to do was to get people to reading and thinking about the text of the bible and God would do the rest. They were right. Today, the World Bible School, LST, and most friendship evangelism uses this idea
4. It means that we will become surrounded by the voice of God, shouting out, **I am here, and I am able, and you are responsible for knowing that I am God.** That is the essence of all of the voice's of Heaven.
5. This is God's voice speaking with clarity to us, calling us to acknowledge Him as Creator and supreme power, but to also to come and bow down to worship Him as that Creator and power.
6. There are several passages that can help define our mission and our strategy to part of the community in which we live.

1. God helps us with our mission strategy and our evangelism strategy, just as He helps us with our worship strategy. We need to isolate those passages and then promote them vigorously, each one of us: **"Speaking a good word for God"** **Psalms 19:7-14 says...**
←Point
2. Examples of these points that we need to share with the world, culminate in getting the world 'God Focused'. **[This is the first step: God Focused Thinking....]**It is what God used in the Old and New Testament... Why else would there be a need to send John The Baptist, a Psalm 19, a Moses?
←Point
3. To do the best possible job of worshipping God and or evangelizing for God, **we need to use all of the the voices of God.** What is it, but the voice of the heavens themselves?
→ → Goal ...all the voices used

Return to the handout, now what do you see? What can you say about the universe out there? What is most unique about **Psalm 19 is that God gave the whole universe to all of us, to use as a tool to assist us as we speak to the people around us, as well as giving us all, individually, a foundation to help our own faith in its moments of struggle.**

1. We all feel tested by the events of each day or week or year. Life is a series of testings and challenges. Why is this so?
2. To what do you turn to, to inspire you to go another round for God? [...or...What builds you up when you are feeling tested by the events of the day?]
3. How can you share your inspiration point / place with other people?
4. What causes you to feel a sense of awe? What does awe say to us as people?
5. “If there were a big bang, would creatures on the other side of the ‘universe’ have progressed any faster than those here, -- would they have had more ‘time’ if all began at one common big bang? What does the consistency of the universe tell you?”
6. How can the heavens declare the glory of God to you, today?