Sermon Questions June 9, 2019 Chip Nelson

Revelation

Psalms Psalm 19

Introduction:

- 1. Tell about a time when you were awed by something in nature: a sunrise or sunset, mountains, the ocean, or the like. What did it make you think about the Creator?
- 2. Give an example of a time when God spoke to you through the Scriptures, or through a sermon, or through music or a thought? How did you respond?

Reading (Scripture Reference): Read Psalm 19 <u>Understanding</u> (choose 3-5)

- 3. The dictionary defines *revelation* as "an act of communicating or revealing divine truth."
 - <u>Look up.</u> The first revelation Chip spoke about was <u>General Revelation</u> (Psalm 19:1-6). What do the heavens reveal about God? Who can see this revelation and where can it be seen?
- 4. Read Romans 1:18-23. What does Paul say about how God has revealed himself? What do some choose to glorify instead of God?
- 5. <u>Look Down.</u> The second kind of revelation was <u>Special Revelation</u>. David's psalm mentions 6 results of special revelation. Tell how you have experienced these (if possible, give a verse that is meaningful to you):
 - Refreshed/revives the Soul
 - Challenges your mind
 - Delights your heart
 - Gives light or gives insight
 - Stabilizes your future
 - Benefits your whole life, keeps you from sin

- 6. <u>Look Inward.</u> The third kind of revelation is inward. How will you respond? As you look inward do you see *Yuck*? What are your hidden faults—that you don't want to see, much less want others to see?
- 7. Read Romans 5:6-11. What was God's response to our *Yuck*? How are we reconciled to God?

Application:

- 8. In which of the following qualities do you feel the strongest—why??
 - Seeing God's glory
 - Learning more about God in the Scriptures
 - Confessing and receiving forgiveness for your Yuck
- 9. In which of the above qualities do you feel the weakest and how could you improve?
- 10. For prayer use David's prayer in Psalm 19:14 as a *Lectio Divina*:

Lectio Divina:

- 1. Opening Prayer: Ask God for insight into His Word, for open hearts and minds, for hunger to know Him better, and for an attitude of learning from one another.
- 2. Reading: Have someone from your group read the passage aloud.
- **3. Meditation**: Spend an <u>entire minute</u> in complete silence, contemplating what was just read. Feel free to re-read the passage or jot down thoughts/highlight what stuck out to you.
- **4. Sharing:** At the leader's signal, invite group members to share their insights for about 5 minutes.
- 5. **Repeat**: After the 5 minutes are over, repeat the process 2 more times. Listen/read like you haven't heard this passage before. If there are longer moments of silence, the leader can prompt discussion with the following questions:
 - 1. What did you hear and what seems important?
 - 2. What is the Holy Spirit impressing on you?
 - 3. What does it make you think of from your life?

May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Psalm 19:14 NIV