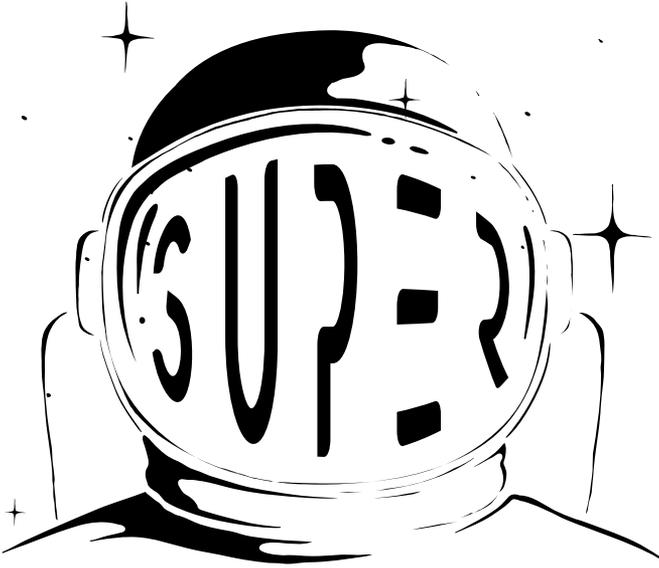




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FOUR WEEK STUDENT BIBLE STUDY

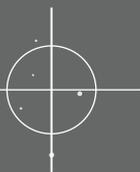




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THE GLORY OF GOD AND HIS CREATION

MAIN POINT:

Seeing the glory of God in creation changes us.

TEXT:

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the expanse proclaims the work of his hands. Day after day they pour out speech; night after night they communicate knowledge. There is no speech; there are no words; their voice is not heard. Their message has gone out to the whole earth, and their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun. It is like a bridegroom coming from his home; it rejoices like an athlete running a course. It rises from one end of the heavens and circles to their other end; nothing is hidden from its heat."

PSALM 19: 1-6, CSB

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We are going to see a glimpse of something greater out there. Someone greater. And that glimpse, the Bible says, changes us.

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"The heavens declare the glory of God." One theologian describes it this way, "God's glory is on tour in the skies."

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The heavens are God's canvas. And he is the artist. The way you best understand the art is through the lens of the artist.

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Glory means weight. Whatever you give weight to, or significance to, that is what is glorious to you.

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When you look up and are overwhelmed by the greatness of the skies, you are supposed to read something about God, and that thing is his glory.

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GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. What do the heavens declare? How do they declare it?
2. Tell the group about something you have seen that changed you.
3. As mentioned in the video, glory is giving something weight. What do you tend to give a lot of *weight* to in your life that is not Jesus?
4. What do we learn about the glory of God from observing creation? How does it begin to transform you?

REFLECT AT HOME:

Is your view of God worthy of who the heavens say he is? Take time this week to look for God in creation and spend time reading the Bible to connect with the Creator and Savior.

$$a^x \cdot a^y = a^{x+y}$$

$$f(x_0) - f(x_0) = 0$$

$$\frac{f(x_0+h) - f(x_0)}{h}$$



$$A = l^2 \quad (x+2) \cdot (x-1) = 0$$

$$(a+b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$$

$$(2x+3)^2 = (2x)^2 + 2 \cdot 2x \cdot 3 + 3^2$$

$$(x+y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^{n-k} y^k a^{\frac{p}{q}}$$

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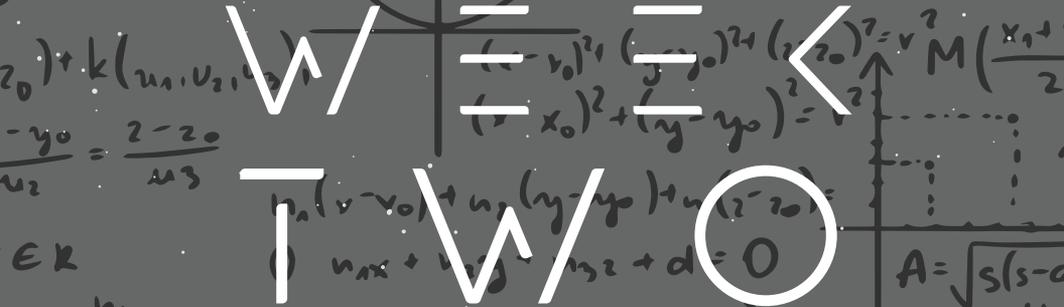
$$\left(\frac{x-h}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y-k}{b}\right)^2 = 1$$

$$\overline{AB} = \sqrt{(x_1-x_2)^2 + (y_1-y_2)^2}$$

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$$f_1 = \frac{h}{N}$$

$$\vec{AB} = B - A = (b_1 - a_1, b_2 - a_2)$$

$$Ax + By + C = 0$$

$$A = \sqrt{s(s-a)}$$

$$s = \frac{a+b}{2}$$



$$\|\vec{u}\| = \sqrt{(u_1)^2 + (u_2)^2} \quad F_i \cdot N_i$$

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$$a_2 + u_2), \quad \vec{u} + \vec{v} = (u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2)$$

$$k \times \vec{u} = (k \cdot u_1, k \cdot u_2) \quad \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} =$$

$$u_1 \cdot v_1 + u_2 \cdot v_2 \quad \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \|\vec{u}\| \cdot \|\vec{v}\| \cdot \cos \alpha$$

$$\|\vec{u}\| \cdot \|\vec{v}\| \cdot \cos(\vec{u} \wedge \vec{v}) \quad \cos \alpha =$$

$$\frac{|\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}|}{\|\vec{u}\| \cdot \|\vec{v}\|} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{k}{n}\right)^n = e^k$$

$$\int 1 dx = x + c, \quad c \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a^x}{x^p} = +\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{e^x - 1}{x - 1} = 1 \quad \int (u(x))^n \cdot u'(x) dx =$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{1+x} = 1 \quad \frac{(u(v))^{n+1}}{n+1} + c$$



$$\sin \alpha = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$$

$$\sin^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha = 1$$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha}$$

$$\tan \alpha + 1 = \frac{1}{\cos \alpha}$$



THE GRACE OF GOD IN HIS WORD

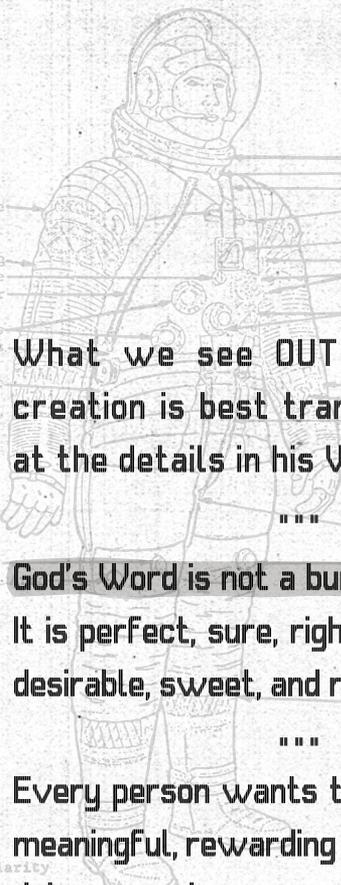
MAIN POINT:

The grace of God in his Word changes us.

TEXT:

"The instruction of the Lord is perfect, renewing one's life; the testimony of the Lord is trustworthy, making the inexperienced wise. The precepts of the Lord are right, making the heart glad; the command of the Lord is radiant, making the eyes light up. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are reliable and altogether righteous. They are more desirable than gold—than an abundance of pure gold; and sweeter than honey dripping from a honeycomb. In addition, your servant is warned by them, and in keeping them there is an abundant reward."

PSALM 119: 7-11, CSB



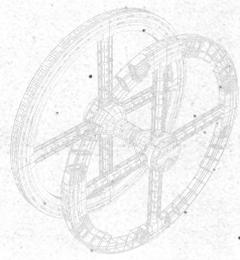
What we see OUT THERE in God's creation is best translated by looking at the details in his Word.

God's Word is not a burden, it's life giving. It is perfect, sure, right, pure, clean, true, desirable, sweet, and rewarding.

Every person wants to live an enjoyable, meaningful, rewarding life. And that desire drives us down any number of paths. David is saying the Law of the Lord is the right path.

Do you treasure God's Word? This is the grace of God to you. In his grace, his unmerited favor, God has given you his Word.

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GROUP DISCUSSION:

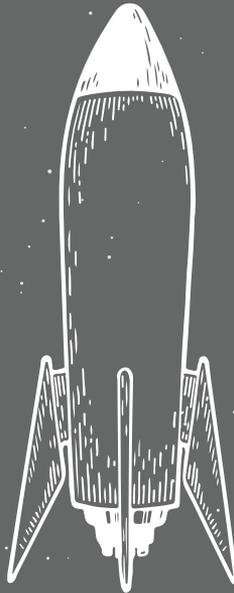
1. How do the commands of God give attention to every facet of our lives? (Think back to the words used to describe the effects of God's word on our lives.)
2. Why do we tend to think of the Bible as something that 'keeps us from doing _____' rather than something that leads us to life?
3. If the Bible truly changes every part of our life, what needs to change about the routines of your day to give more attention to the scriptures?
4. What is one amazing thing God has shown you through reading the Bible? Share with the group a way you have seen God's Word change you personally.

REFLECT AT HOME:

Is there something in your life that you are not willing to let go of to follow God fully? What is one step you can take to begin reading the Bible more consistently?



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THE GREAT TREASURE

MAIN POINT:

We are unlikely vessels with a life altering treasure within us, the glory of the gospel.

TEXT:

"Now we have this treasure in clay jars, so that this extraordinary power may be from God and not from us."

2 CORINTHIANS 4: 7, CSB

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As Christians, we are unlikely vessels with a life altering treasure within us.

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You possess the greatest treasure, the glory of the gospel within you.

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The hope and glory of the gospel is not just a hope for the future. It's hope now. It's life now.

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Christ did not come to make life miserable for the believer, he came to bring life, redemption, salvation, and unspeakable joy RIGHT NOW.

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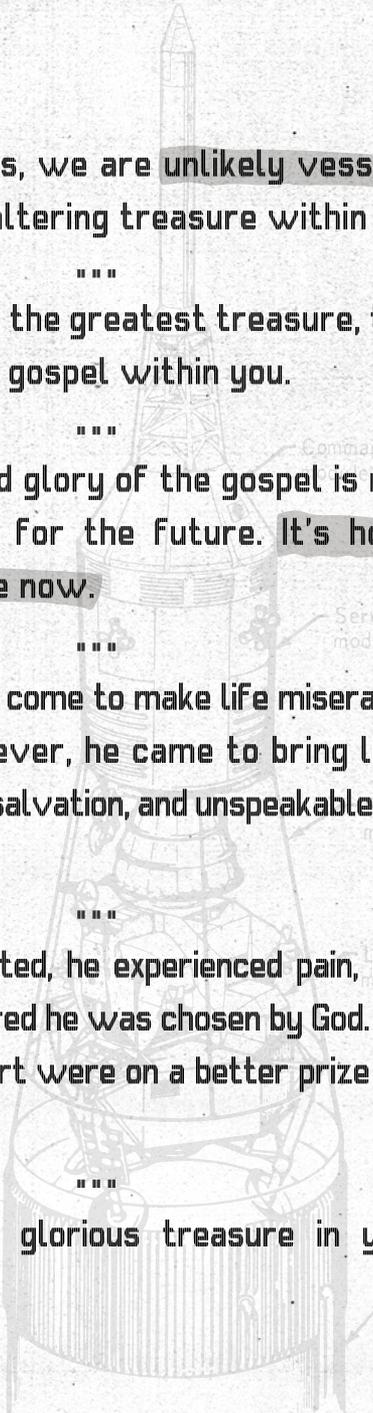
Paul was hated, he experienced pain, but he remembered he was chosen by God. His eyes and heart were on a better prize - a bigger glory.

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You have a glorious treasure in you. Keep going.





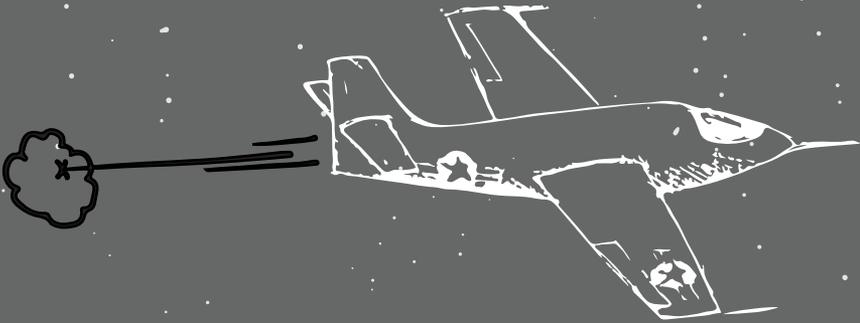
GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. Do you have a crazy random spot that you put valuable things in?
2. Why do you think God decided to put the greatest treasure in the most unlikely place?
3. In what ways do you feel unqualified to have such a great treasure inside of you? How does the gospel address that insecurity?
4. How has God used a trial or weakness in your life to reveal his power?

REFLECT AT HOME:

How does [or how should] knowing that the gospel is a “present possession” and not just a “future hope” change the way you think about yourself and about how you go about your week?

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THE GREAT PROCLAMATION

MAIN POINT:

The treasure inside us propels us.

TEXTS:

"Now we have this treasure in clay jars, so that this extraordinary power may be from God and not from us."

2 CORINTHIANS 4: 7, CSB

"I give thanks to Christ Jesus our Lord who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful, appointing me to the ministry"

1 TIMOTHY 1:12, CSB

"You don't concentrate on risks. You concentrate on results. No risk is too great to prevent the necessary job from getting done." (Chuck Yeager)

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Followers of Jesus have a great possession, and now we have something to say to the world even if we don't feel qualified to do so.

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YOU HAVE A MISSION: To proclaim the glories of God in the gospel to the world.

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Feeling underqualified? Welcome to Team Jesus. Feeling like an outcast? Welcome to Team Jesus.

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You. Me. Broken. Imperfect. Yet God put his greatest glory, his greatest treasure, the hope of the gospel in our hearts.

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Walk forward with the glory of the gospel on your lips and **make God's name known.**

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GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. Besides the *churchy* answer, what is the greatest news you've ever received?
2. Why is the gospel the 'good news'?
3. Knowing that you've been given a mission to make Jesus known everywhere you go, how does knowing "God uses imperfect people to make his perfect love known" encourage you?
4. Who is someone in your life that we can pray for you to share the greatest message with?

REFLECT AT HOME:

Read 2 Corinthians 12:9. Knowing God uses broken vessels to make him known, what is holding you back from moving past your failures and weaknesses and forward in confidence to introduce others to the Creator of the Universe? Take those and place them at the feet of Jesus today in exchange for Christ's power.

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