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Week 1: JESUS MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH

Psalm 121:2. What name is given to God in this verse?

What does a maker do?

Genesis 1:31. How does God feel about what He has made?

Ephesians 2:10.

The Greek word translated 'workmanship' carries the sense of a fine work of art being put on display by the artist for everyone to see and appreciate what God has done.

What does this say about YOU?

Psalm 96:4-6. What is the difference between God and the gods of the nations?

Psalm 19:1-2; Romans 1:20-21. What has God left all around us that testify to who He is?

Everything that flows from God to us is good and intended to bring us some form of life. In that life, whatever it is (e.g. a baby, a sprouting seed, baking ingredients, the ability to paint or sew), through the eyes of faith we learn more about Him, His love and care for us and His power & awesome might.

What experiences have you had of seeing or finding God through nature e.g. a walk on the cliffs or the mountains; seeing a baby or animal born etc.?

Genesis 1:2. What does this show us about the role of the Holy Spirit in creation?

Colossians 1:15-17. What does this tell us about Jesus' role and the purpose of everything that has been created?

Following the video: How has your view of God as Creator been enlarged or changed through watching this?

Week 2: JESUS KING OF THE JEWS

What is a King?

Who or what do they rule?

John 19:17-22. Who was it who asked for the sign to be re-written?

Mark 15:2. What did Jesus Himself claim to be?

Mark 1:15; John 18:36. What was His Kingdom, what did it look like?

As we increasingly put God first His Kingdom is formed IN US; as we put God's plans and purposes into action through our obedience, His Kingdom comes IN THE WORLD AROUND US.

An overview of the Kingdom of God:

Genesis 1.

Genesis 2.

Father God is looking for a people who will allow Him to be their King. The theme of God's Kingdom flows throughout the whole of scripture.

Exodus 19:5-8.

1 Samuel 8:4-22.

Saul, David, Solomon.

A divided kingdom...

2 Samuel 7:11b-16. God's Anointed King...

Compare Isaiah 7:14 & Matthew 1:23.

When the time was right God sent Jesus (Galatians 4:4). The Kingdom was fully present in Him.

Compare Isaiah 61:1-3 & Luke 4:18-19.

The marks of the presence of God's Kingdom are healings, miracles, freedom and the proclamation that the truth about Jesus Messiah is 'good news' to the whole world. The Jewish leaders did not recognise these things as signs of the presence of God's Kingdom because they were looking for an earthly King who would oust the Romans and set up His throne from Jerusalem.

Psalm 2. Jesus WILL do this when He comes again.

Revelation 11:15-16; 19:1; 4-9; 11-16; 21:1-5; 21:9-22:6. Jesus will be crowned not just King of the Jews but King of the whole earth!

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