

LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Psalms Series

These questions are for the **January 15, 2023**, sermon, "Song of the Creator, Part 2." Please read the sermon passage (Psalm 104:19-35) together out loud.

Passage Outline

CREATION FUELS OUR HALLELUJAH (praise Yahweh) BECAUSE . . .

1. On the fourth day, the LORD created the moon and the sun. (19-23, compare Genesis 1:14-19)
 - a. In the beginning, the LORD created everything from nothing with the power of his word.
 - b. God remains involved and engaged with his created order at all times. (Col 1:16-17)
 - c. Moon and sun: the LORD is sovereign over times, timing and daily rhythms.
2. On the fifth day, the LORD created the sea creatures and birds. (24-26, compare Gen 1:20-23)
 - a. The LORD's works are innumerable. His creatures fill up the earth and sea.
 - b. Much of what takes place in the depths of the sea is unobserved by all but God himself.
 - c. All these he created for himself, and he enjoys it (these animals) immensely.
3. On the sixth day, the LORD created animals and mankind. (27-30, compare to Gen 1:24-31)
 - a. At the height of the LORD's created order is mankind.
 - i. He created mankind last, giving us a position of honor.
 - ii. He created mankind "in his own image" (Gen 1:26), ruling the created order.
 - iii. His Son became human and dwelt among us, dying in our place because of love.
 - b. All who completely embrace / receive Jesus Christ by faith are reconciled to God.
4. RESPONSE OF GROWING CHRISTIANS
 - a. Fight every tendency of becoming bored with the LORD's created order. (1, 35)
 - b. Sing creation praise songs to the LORD. (33) (Mankind has a huge responsibility)
 - c. Commits lots of mental energy to meditating on the LORD's works. (34)
 - d. Rejoice in the LORD. (34)
 - e. Reflect upon what happens to those who reject the LORD. (35a)
 - f. Hallelujah! (Praise the LORD. 35b)

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: In Psalm 104, "the LORD" is identified as the all-powerful Creator. In what way can you improve at identifying the LORD as Creator?
2. Based on #3, above (and the whole psalm): Mankind, the pinnacle of God's created order, has been given the responsibility of singing and speaking for the LORD. If we (God's people) falter, even the rocks will cry out. Which of your neighbors would benefit most from you speaking up?
3. Based on #4, above: Which of the application points ('4. Response of Growing Christians') can you put into practice this week? How will you do it?
4. How much time do spend counseling your soul to worship God? In what ways have you been successful in following the psalmist's pattern of "bless the Lord, O my soul"?