

That'll Preach
Text: Psalm 19
February 20-21, 2010



Start It

(10 minutes)

Leader:

As people begin arriving use the following to begin to guide the conversation:

1. Growing up, what were your remembrances of church, were they positive or negative, was it a place of relevance or irrelevance, was it dark, empty and the rest of the world light, on fire?
2. Are you apt to see God more in nature, music, the written word, the preached word, while serving others?



Share It

(25 minutes)

1. Begin your time in worship. 2 weeks ago we talked about different individuals in the group coming prepared with a Psalm, or a song. Take some time now to share and reflect on what people brought.
2. Share a sermon that you have heard in your past that still stands out in your memory.
3. Share a time when during your reading of the scripture God spoke to you. What was the circumstance, what was the scripture, and what did you sense God saying?



Study It

(20 minutes)

Turn to Psalm 19

1. What stood out in this week's sermon?
2. What are your initial thoughts about this Psalm?

3. What do you think David means when he says: "Heavens declare the glory of God, the skies proclaim the works of his hands" (vs. 1)?
4. Overall, what are some ideas about what verses 1-6 is trying to say?
5. Note Romans 1:18-25. How does Paul use the concept that Jim was trying to get across in this passage? Why is our "experience" of God not enough?
6. In verses 8 & 9, it speaks of the precepts, commands, fear, and ordinances of the Lord. What are some ways that these four ideas might shape a reason on why we have sermons?
7. How does Jim use this Psalm to communicate the purpose of sermons?



Video

(15 minutes)

1. In the video Anthony read out answers from kids, what was your response to the kids' answers?
2. Have you ever felt that God had "something to say to you" when you were sitting in a sermon? What was it?
3. Read 2 Timothy 3:10-17 and Hebrews 4:12. How do these verses help us understand our need for the written word of God and not just an experiential understanding of God?



Live It

(10 minutes)

1. Tony Campolo once said that his college students arrive at church on time for the singing, but find nothing wrong with leaving early in the midst of the sermon, but that his adult friends arrive late for the singing, but never leave before the sermon is over. This is a little bit of an exaggeration but how are both groups right in their assessment of what is most important in worship and how are both groups wrong?
2. How might you explain the heavens declaring the glory of God in today's scientific world?
3. If you were talking to an unchurched person and they told you that they had a relationship with God, and did not need church or the Bible. Given our discussion this week, how would you respond?
4. What are your personal habits with regards to reading scripture? Are you satisfied with these habits? Why or why not?



Pray It

(10 minutes)

Conclude with prayer

1. Share any answers to prayers these last few weeks.
2. Does anyone have any specific requests?
3. Close in prayer. If your group is comfortable have them pray for the person on their right.