

The Greatness of God in the Greatness of Salvation
Colossians 1:15-17

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Open Your Heart and Mind

- Do you have a favorite VBS memory? If so please share with your group.
- What do you find to be the most awe inspiring image you've seen from outer space?

Finding God in His Word

This past week at VBS, we have been Galactic Starveyors who have been searching the visible, the things we see in the universe; and discovering the invisible, as we look at the universe we see the evidence for God. It's been an exciting week in which we've explored God's greatness as the creator of the universe, having created the universe through God the Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. But, in God's creation, sin entered the world through the sin of Adam and Eve, and the perfect relationship we have with God was broken. Our questions today for our study will revolve around God's greatness as revealed in creation, and the greatness of the salvation God gives to us in Jesus Christ.

Read Genesis 1:1, Palm 33:6, and Hebrews 11:3. Why do you think the Bible wants us to understand that God merely needed to speak for the universe to come into existence? What does this tell us about who God is?

Read Psalm 19:1. In what ways do the heavens (think outer space) declare God's greatness?

Read Isaiah 40:12, Job 38:31-33, and Psalm 147:4. Have you ever thought of the work God did in building the universe, and in sustaining the universe? When you read that God knows the names of the stars, what does that make you think about? What does that communicate to you about who our God is?

Read Colossians 1:15-17. What do you find surprising in these verses? Have you ever thought before of the Lord Jesus Christ as the agent of creation of the universe? What does it mean that He would sustain the universe, and why is this an important point to embrace about Jesus? In what way(s) does Jesus being the sustainer of the universe give you peace as it comes to the things of your own life?

Read Genesis 3:6-15; Romans 3:23 and 6:23. Why is it important we understand as human beings that the world as it is, is not the world as God created it? What does Romans 3:23 tell us about all of humanity? Is there any hope in good works or living good lives? Why does God's gift of forgiveness and grace need to be free?

Read Romans 5:8. If you know Christ, share a part of your own story of restored relationship with Christ.

Read Psalm 8:3 and Isaiah 43:1. What comes to your mind knowing that God cares for you and calls you by name? How does this give you peace and hope in your salvation?

Discuss your thoughts on Jim Irwin's quote.

Live the Christ Life

1. Take time this week to thank God for His creation and to marvel at the glory and greatness of God in the universe.