

Sermon Outline and Discussion Guide for Adult Bible Study

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The Means by Which God Makes Himself Known

Psalm 19:1-14; John 1:1-5, 14-17

Confession of Faith – Article II – By What Means God Is Made Known Unto Us

Introduction: The difference between different types of ‘Knowledge’:

‘Propositional Knowledge’ To Know _____ or _____.

‘Practical Knowledge’ To Know _____.

‘Personal Knowledge’ To Know _____ and _____ knows you.

I. Elegant Book One – Creation – World – General Revelation.

-Here is a Book all men can read, written in every language.

Creation is Continuous in its Revelation (vs. 2) “Day to Day...”

Creation is Abundant in its Revelation (vs. 2) “...pours out speech”

Creation is Universal in its Revelation (vs. 3-4) “...through all the earth”

-Share an experience of wonder and beauty based on Creation.

-Discussion Question: Do all men ‘see clearly’ the everlasting power and divinity of God when they look at (consider) creation? Or are these things only the Christian sees?

Read: Romans 1:18-23.

-DQ: Why does Creation render all men without excuse for not believing in God?

II. Holy Book Two – Inspiration – WORD – Special Revelation.

Psalm 19 references both books of revelation: _____ & _____.

By inspiration the Hebrew authors of Scripture used a device called _____.

In Psalm 19 we find six such _____ statements.

The _____ of the LORD is _____ reviving the soul.

The _____ of the LORD is _____ making wise the simple.

The _____ of the LORD is _____ rejoicing the heart.

The _____ of the LORD is _____ enlightening the eyes.

The _____ of the LORD is _____ enduring forever.

The _____ of the LORD are _____ and righteous altogether.

-DQ. What could we do to take more delight in the Word of God?

III. God Come in Person - Incarnation – Christ Jesus – Personal Revelation

Are there any verses in this Psalm that seem (jump off the page) as being Messianic?

Psalm 19:4c “In them (the heavens) He has set a tent for the sun”

_____ is the place where Jesus Christ had His Ministry.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt _____, _____ among us.

Psalm 19:5 “...Like a bridegroom, like a strongman, runs its course with joy.”

Do you know Scriptures that speak of Jesus as a Bridegroom? _____

Do you know Scriptures that speak of Jesus as accomplishing his work with JOY? _____.

John Calvin’s favorite verse in the Bible is: _____.

-DQ. How big of a danger is it that we mistake propositional knowledge of God for personal knowledge of God?

Bible Study – see John 8:14-32; John 10:4-27 (vs. 4,14,27); John 14:15-21.