

**Sermon Notes and Discussion Questions**

**“God Speaks” - Psalm 19 Feb 17**

*Section 1*

In the Psalm, David describes the way that the “skies” proclaim God’s glory. What particular parts of Creation make you think of God’s glory or lead you to respond in awe and worship?

How often do you take time to look around you and ponder what God has made?

Read Psalm 139: 13 – 18. In what ways are there some similarities or parallels to what David has written in Psalm 19 verses 1 – 6?

What do you think led David to transition from his thoughts on the skies in the first section of Psalm 19 to a focus on the “law of the Lord” in verse 7? (No right answers here; just trying to try to get inside the mind of David a little bit)

Why is it that so many people either miss the message of God’s glory that the Creation is speaking, or misinterpret it?

*Section 2*

Are there any laws of our government that you are enthused about or excited about following? (Are there any that excite you when *others* follow them?) How would you describe the overall human experience with law?

As Christians, our relationship with the Old Testament law can seem a bit complicated. Read Matthew 5:17 – 19. What is Jesus saying about the law and his relation to it?

How does this make sense in light of what Paul writes in Galatians 3:10 – 14?

So, are we bound to obey the precepts of the OT law or not? How about the 10 Commandments? Jesus said “All of the Law and the Prophets hang on” which two commandments? What was the implication of his teaching in that instance? (Matthew 22; see also Matthew 7:12)

*Section 3*

Are you happy with your current level of Christian community? Why or why not? How can community keep us from falling into the traps David speaks of in verses 12 and 13?

Have you ever shared something difficult with a friend or family member about their actions or character that you thought they needed to hear? How did you approach that? How was it received?

Take some time later privately (or share if you are comfortable) to consider whether there is anyone in your life that knows they can speak truth into your life without risking their relationship with you. Are there at least a few people that know they have that level of trust and freedom with you?

How would Psalm 19:14 be a helpful guide in our lives if we sought to pray it regularly?