

Message: “WHO AM I? DO I REALLY MATTER?” by Tedd Whitney, 3/27/22

Description: In this Psalm, David praises and magnifies the excellence and majestic wonder of our great God—the God who is big and powerful enough to speak creation into existence—but personal enough to get on our level and have a relationship with His children one on one.

Key Scripture: Psalm 8:1-9

Takeaway / Application: Do I view God as too far away, too distant, too busy with keeping the stars suspended, the sun shining and the earth spinning—to be concerned with little, insignificant me? Do I really even matter? Yes. BIG YES!!! How can I know this?? For the Bible tells me so!

- David begins this Psalm (v1) not by focusing on his own name, but by focusing on God’s name. If we’re going to have a proper view of ourselves, we must first have a proper view of God. We are often “taken” by celebrities and popular personalities. But David here is enthralled in God’s greatness. Let that rub off on you! Discuss in your group David’s worship to God in saying that His name is “majestic” and “excellent”.
- Next David gives praise for God’s power—even through what the world would consider small, helpless, and powerless—a little baby (v2). But it was in fact the arrival of the little baby Jesus himself that brought fear to the Roman Empire, to the Religious Elites and to Satan himself. If we want to find out who we really are—we must do so in light of our rejection or reception of that same One who came in a manger. We often boast about the big and push aside the things that are small. Not God. He delights in confounding the “wise” by using means that are not impressive to us. Read 1 Corinthians 1:27-31. Discuss in light of Psalm 8:2.
- In Psalm 8:3-9, David is absolutely blown away that the Creator of the universe has David on his mind—and that God wants to know him personally, honor him, bless him, and empower him with spiritual authority. Incredible!! And God wants to do the same for us too.

Tedd Whitney shared in his sermon that where we stand with God determines our true identity. Our society is in absolute chaos with the ever-evolving identity crisis we’re facing. But David here in Psalm 8 is not struggling about who or what he is—because God has given him confidence through their relationship. Talk together in your group about how God confirms to you who you are in Him. Does He do so through His word, His Holy Spirit, His blessings to you, your family, your church?? David mentions space, stars, angels, animals, sea creatures, to encourage himself about his worth to God. Read Ephesians 2:1-10 and do the same.