

Psalm 8



Think about and discuss one or two questions from each section.

The text – Psalm 8

1. Read Psalm 8. This is the first psalm of praise in the Psalms. Much of its language is drawn from other parts of Scripture. Can you think of other parts of Scripture that this reminds you of?
2. Discuss the meaning of 8:2. How does the praise of infants silence God's enemies?
3. The heart of this psalm is the question that is asked in 8:4. Discuss why this question is so important.
4. What does it mean that humans are a "little lower" than heavenly beings?

The Scriptures – Psalm 8 as a portion of the Scriptures

5. This psalm does not use the term, for humans, as being made "in the image of God". But the psalmist is clearly reflecting on Genesis 1-2. Read Genesis 1:26-27. What does it mean that we are made in the image of God?
6. Jesus draws from this psalm as he enters the Jerusalem Temple in Matthew 21:12-17. Read and discuss that passage.
7. Psalm 8 is really important to the writer of Hebrews. Read and discuss the use of Psalm 8 in Hebrews 2:5-9.

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Psalm 8 as a portion of the Scriptures

8. This psalm is a prayer of praise. What are you praising the LORD God for at present?
9. How can we pray for you as you seek to grow as a disciple of Jesus in the light of this psalm?