



Child Like Wonder | Doug Wekenman | 5.17.21  
Weekly Study

START

To get things started, go around the circle and answer the following question:

**If you could be a professional athlete in any sport, which sport would you choose and why?**

SHARE

Welcome back to Group! This week, Doug gave a message called Child Like Wonder. Before we dive into the sermon, take some time to check in with your Group by answering these questions.

**What is one word you would use to describe how you are currently feeling? Why did you pick that word?**

**What was the highlight of your week?**

**What is one thing you feel like God is showing you in your walk with him lately?**

**What is one way in which you experienced wonder this week?**

GROW

**Read Mark 10:13-16**

**What's the importance of childlike wonder when it comes to your relationship with Jesus?**

**Why do you think Jesus was so adamant about using children as an example of how to enter the kingdom of Heaven?**

In Jesus's day, children were looked down on. However, the King of kings and Lord of lords chose to use these little ones as an example of how to enter the kingdom of Heaven. Jesus tends to have a knack for using the least of these when teaching the things of Heaven.

This week, Doug preached on the importance of childlike wonder when it comes to our faith, and Jesus notes the importance of it for entering the kingdom of Heaven. Why? Because childlike wonder spurs on curiosity. Think about it: there's a reason children ran to Jesus without questions, while Thomas demanded Jesus show him his scars after the resurrection. Children aren't afraid to believe in something or ask the question 'why.' They are fearless and will take risks at all costs without all the answers. Life doesn't seem to define them or get in their way.

When we practice childlike wonder, we learn to have less answers in this life while being more in awe of God. We learn to enjoy the creation without 'the know' because we know the Creator. We relearn what it means to have fun and trust that our Father is taking care of the harder things in life.

**This week, Doug gave us ways you can practice childlike wonder. He told us to enjoy mystery, practice curiosity, and get perspective. Which way resonates with you the most? Why?**

**How can childlike wonder transform you into a better follower of Jesus?**

M O V E

**Read Psalm 8:1-4**

In the passage you just read, David is singing a song of God's glory and how the glory of humanity on earth reflects God's glory.

**When you look up at the night sky, what thoughts or feelings do you have about what you see?**

**Was there ever a time in your life where God used you to do something bigger than you ever thought you could do? If so, share it with your Group.**

This week Doug walked us through the wonder that is found in creation. The wonder that surrounds us, the wonder that is beyond us. As Scott Erickson reminds us, "Wonder is not an exterior destination. Wonder is an interior filter that you learn to see life through."

In Psalm 8, we get a glimpse into the wonder David saw as he looked up into the night sky. He considers God's glory in the creation of the moon and the stars, how they are set in place perfectly. In David's day in age, he didn't have a giant telescope or have photos of our galaxy as we do now. Yet, as David looked up at the night sky, he saw God's intricacy in his design. A glimpse of just how big God must be to create something so intentional and majestic.

With everything David could see, he thought, who am I God that you are mindful of me? If God is so intricate and meticulous in the creation of the moon, stars, and planets, imagine how much care he put into creating you and me.

This week, Doug reminded us that our galaxy is just one of 200,000,000,000 galaxies. We are but a tiny dot within the galaxies, and yet our God created us so intentionally, giving us all that we see and experience on the earth—providing us with all that we need to survive. Every little detail is God's fingerprint, and with just one word, it was created. With just one word, the galaxies were created, and yet God spent seven days handcrafting us along with everything we experience on earth. There is not a single planet in all the billions of galaxies that is like earth. Doug mentioned that nothing is ordinary, and our God placed us in an extraordinary universe, filled with glimpses of his glory as if to remind us that he is THE Creator and we are his creation.

Wonder is to feel significant and small at the same time. We are extremely small compared to the billions of galaxies beyond us. God shows us how significant and how valuable we are to him that we would share in his glory both as his creation and within his creation. In verse 2 of

Psalm 8, David references that God uses infants and children to reveal his glory here on the earth.

We see all over the bible God using the underqualified, the weak, the least of these to display his glory through them. Every time this happens, it disarms the enemy leaving them powerless. God loves using unordinary people for extraordinary reveals of his glory. We may be small, but we can rest assured knowing that our Creator sees us, he knows us, listens to us, and loves us.

“Wonder informs your soul of the God beyond the beauty - that creation has a creator. Without wonder, you will miss the fullness of life. “

**What is one way you can stay in a place of wonder this week?**

**What is one way you experience God in creation? How can you take some time to experience that this week?**

P R A Y

We need prayer now more than ever. Spend some time-sharing prayer requests. If you are in a coed group, consider breaking off into two separate groups (or calls if you are an online group) to share more freely.

T O G O

*He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart.*

- Ecclesiastes 3:11