FWG - Psalm 95

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Song: So Will I

Prayer: Thank you Lord for this day. God thank you for your creation and the beauty it displays. Everywhere we look, God we see evidence of your work. Thank you for your grace. Help us to see more of you.

Text: Psalm 95

Explanation: Why do we worship? In Genesis, from the very beginning, when creation took place its sole purpose was to bring glory to God. Just its being glorified God because it was fulfilling the purpose God intended. The crashing of waves, trees producing fruit, flowers blooming, the heat of the sun, the cool of the moon, the octopus swimming, birds sitting on their eggs, the roar of a lion, the croak of a frog. They are all praising the Lord. Psalm 19:1 says, "The heavens declare the Glory of the Lord and the stars proclaim his handiwork." ALL of creation worships!

Not long after God created his masterpiece, sin showed up. In one small decision of disobedience sin tainted the perfection God created. Even today nature doesn't reflect what God created it to be in the beginning. After sin, things began to malfunction and worship was no longer as easy as it once was. For us many things desire our attention: meetings, ball practice, family, grocery shopping, toys, TV, friends, etc. None of these are bad things, but they demand our time. This makes it challenging for us to focus our attention on the Lord. As believers in Christ we have to be careful of how we prioritize our time. How much time do we spend worshiping versus other commitments.

We worship because we were created by a BIG, BIG God and he deserves our praise. One day every knee will bow and worship him.

The Point: We were made to worship!

Application: How do we worship? The definition of worship is, "the feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for a deity." Our expression of worship occurs in many ways: singing, prayer, reading scripture, obedience, being in his presence, thankfulness. Do you worship everyday? He desires you to. Make that your goal this week; to spend time everyday in his presence, worshiping!

Pre-K & Elementary Age: ~Take a nature walk and find many of God's creations. As you find things, talk about what day of creation it was created. ~Spend a night star gazing and read Ps.19:1.

~Sing "My God is so Big"

Middle & High School Students: Take time to reflect on things that may be distracting you from worshiping the Lord. Where, or on what, do you spend most of your time? How can you better prioritize your relationship with the Lord more? Maybe it is as simple as you getting up 30 minutes early to have devotions.

Young Adult: As life comes fast and more challenging everyday it couldn't be more important to seek the Lord first. What does God say? It is so tempting to see what Facebook says or do what our friends are doing. God has a special plan for your life. Seek the Lord and he will reveal it to you! If you are struggling to make time for the Lord try to simplify your life. Take time for a spiritual retreat and immerse yourself at Jesus' feet.

Adult: How can you spend more time leading your family in worship? Maybe it's as simple as making comments in the car about the sunset or a beautiful flower. Maybe it's spending time a few nights a week reading scripture and singing together(family worship). Maybe it's making a greater effort for Sunday worship service.

Empty Nesters: Maybe, that as your kids have grown, you don't feel as much of a need to lead spiritually. You may not have as much authority in their lives but hopefully you are still leading by example. I promise, they are still watching. What will be your spiritual legacy? If you feel as though your kids don't need you, I know your spouse does! Iron sharpens iron. Keep prodding each other on to finish the race well. A couple that prays together stays together.

Song: Here I Am to Worship

Prayer: God we love you. Help us to remove distractions from our life that keep us from you. All we need is you. Help us to worship you with our whole hearts.