



# Sermon Growth Guide

**April 25, 2021**

**What David Knew - Creator**

**Psalm 8**

**Key Verse:** Psalm 8:9

“Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!”

**Big Idea:** Creation sings of the majesty of Jesus.

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## Foundations

Our new series centers around King David seeing the character and care of Jesus.

This week we turn to Psalm 8. Psalm 8 sings of the majesty of God that is seen in creation. When our hearts are calm and we see beauty in creation, it is right and good to offer thanks to God.

When we acknowledge God in His creation we are receiving creation well.

When we embrace the natural rhythms of nature we are treating creation well.

And when we acknowledge and operate out of the image of God bestowed on everyone around us we receive one another well.

Pastor Tim writes, “The world we live in is not a cold, sanitized platform for life forms to grow. It’s full of beauty and wonder, amazement and magnificence! You see the glory of God in creation.”

Together with your circle, pray that God will use this time to help you grow in your appreciation and care of God’s creation, including the pinnacle of God’s creation on earth, humanity.

## Understanding God’s Word

David affirms the reality of a creator God in Psalm 8. What is his line of logic?

How does the Lord establish strongholds against His enemies in verse 2?

What is David considering when he pens verse 4 (see verse 3)?

## Applying God’s Word

Creation sings of the majesty of Jesus. How can you better cultivate your senses to recognize God in creation, including your neighbor? Ask God to help and also to turn your recognition into songs of praise.

## Witnessing God’s Word

One of our 7 values in our pursuit of Jesus at First Pres is to “Make Beauty.” Think of a way you can enter into God’s creation and make beauty. From baking a snack to going on a hike, we are designed to make beauty as we walk through God’s creation. Who can you invite into this process? Pray for someone who does not yet know that creation points to Jesus? Pray that they would begin to sing in their own heart, “Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!”

**No matter where you are, there is a Psalm to reach you and lead you back home to God.**