

9. AWESOME IN GLORY

Watch

Go to the Bible Project website (on Zoom you can opt share a screen) and watch the video: “The Art of Biblical Poetry” <https://bibleproject.com/videos/art-biblical-poetry>

Discussion Questions

(These are optional, you can use all, some or none, and go straight to “Read & Share”)

In the past, God delivered his people by the Exodus through the sea and then provided water in the wilderness. The “new thing” God will do to deliver his people is to provide a better water in the wilderness—his own Spirit.

1. In what ways do you resonate with the image of living in a dry and desolate desert? What kind of “water” or relief do you find yourself longing for?
2. Is your current connection with God satisfying to you? Set aside some time to share your feelings about your current circumstances with God or trusted others.

Read & Share:

Read Exodus 15:1-10 & 20-21 (someone to read it aloud) and ask the following 3 questions:

What does this passage tell about God?

What does this passage tell about me?

How is this going to impact me in week ahead?

Pray:

Spend some time praying together with...and for... each other.

10. An Awesome Rock

Watch

Go to the Bible Project website (on Zoom you can opt share a screen) and watch the video: “Character” <https://bibleproject.com/videos/metaphor-biblical-poetry>

Discussion Questions

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1. Who or what do you turn to when you are anxious and uncertain? What are some powerful self-made sources of stability you tend to trust in your own life?
2. Take a moment to reflect on how all of life is dependent on God's power and generosity. Does this understanding change how you view those self-made sources of stability? What would it look like for you to choose to trust God's generosity, rather than your own “broken cisterns”?
3. God's past faithfulness motivated poetic biblical writings of hope for the future. What has God done in the world or in your own life that helps you trust and hope in him now?

Read & Share:

Read Matthew 7:24-27 (someone to read it aloud) and ask the following 3 questions:

What does this passage tell about God?

What does this passage tell about me?

How is this going to impact me in week ahead?

Pray:

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11. A Virtual Temple

Watch

Go to the Bible Project website (on Zoom you can opt share a screen) and watch the video: “Setting” <https://bibleproject.com/videos/book-of-psalms>

Discussion Questions

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The first tier of the Biblical cosmos is the sky. When an ancient looked up at a blue sky, they believed there was water behind a carefully placed dome. They concluded that God placed the sun, moon, and stars within the dome—each with a role to bring order to the universe. Lastly, they envisioned God enthroned in his heavenly temple above the earth.

1. When you go into your space of prayers and worship...what does, in your imagination, God’s Temple look like?

In my distress I called to the Lord; I cried to my God for help.
From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears....
He parted the heavens and came down; dark clouds were under his feet.
He mounted the cherubim and flew; (PSALMS 18:6-10)

2. What type of space or environment helps you to focus, or to pray and to call upon the Lord?

Read & Share:

Read Psalm 27:1-15(someone to read it aloud) and ask the following 3 questions:

What does this passage tell about God?

What does this passage tell about me?

How is this going to impact me in week ahead?

Pray:

Spend some time praying together with...and for... each other.