

## Study Guide/Discussion for Paradigm-January 14, 2024

### Let's Get Started

1. Do you have a particular song that you could listen to over and over again? If you have gone to church for a while, what is one "church" song you can still sing from memory?
2. Read Psalm 8
3. Pastor Jack said there are actually two questions at the center of this song; what were they?
4. If you had to describe yourself to a new friend in two minutes, what would you say?
5. Did you ever get in trouble for saying a word you weren't supposed to say?

### Let's Dig In

1. Share or write down one line or thought you heard from the sermon on Sunday that grabbed you and made you think differently?
2. We heard there is a lesson for us in the very structure of Psalm 8. Specifically, from vs. 1, 4, 9. Do you remember what that lesson was? What did you think of it?
3. Read Psalm 14:1-5
4. When you talk with people who claim they do not believe in God, what sorts of reason do they give for their disbelief?
5. Pastor Jack said that most disbelief arises from anger, hurt, or hatred. What do you think?
6. "Joy comes from understanding your worth and knowing your \_\_\_\_\_?" Do you remember what goes in the blank? If people don't believe in God, where do they find these things? If you do, how does your faith supply these things for you?
7. "If there is no God, nothing matters, and everything is permitted." What did you think of that line?
8. Do you remember the two lines of evidence for the existence of God that we talked about from Psalm 8? Which did you find the most convincing? Which did you find the most inspiring?

9. Read Matthew 21:15-16-when we talked about this encounter with Jesus and the children, what new ideas came to your mind?
10. When you see that God has made us “rulers” over his creation, is there anything that changes in the way you look at nature? At your job, family, business?
11. When was the first time you can remember really thinking about God? What caused it?
12. Read Hebrews 2:6-9-talk about some of the things you see “at present” that make it difficult to hold on to the promises that God will put all things under our feet.
13. There are a lot of promises we sing about that we don’t see “at the present time”, how does the life and ministry of Jesus give you faith all those promises will be fulfilled?

### **Let’s Go Deeper**

1. Every week we want to connect you to some resources for future study on your own
2. A great website that counters the fanaticism of Climate Change ideology and teaches a biblical approach to creation stewardship- <https://cornwallalliance.org>
3. The Abolition of Man by C.S. Lewis  
<https://www.amazon.com/Abolition-Man-C-S-Lewis/dp/0060652942>
4. America’s Cultural Revolution by Chris Rufo  
<https://www.amazon.com/Americas-Cultural-Revolution-Conquered-Everything/dp/0063227533>
5. Another website to help equip you to talk with your children about faith-  
<https://mamabearapologetics.com>
6. A Closer Look at the Evidence by Richard and Tina Kleiss-  
[https://www.thriftbooks.com/w/a-closer-look-at-the-evidence\\_tina-kleiss\\_richard-kleiss/295220/#edition=2576925&idq=2236625](https://www.thriftbooks.com/w/a-closer-look-at-the-evidence_tina-kleiss_richard-kleiss/295220/#edition=2576925&idq=2236625)
7. Darwin’s Doubt by Stephen Meyer-  
<https://www.amazon.com/Darwins-Doubt-Explosive-Origin-Intelligent/dp/0062071483>