



## Sermon Discussion Guide

*Psalm 8* | Dr. D. Blair Smith

“Image is Everything”

Sunday Morning, February 26, 2023

*Big Idea:* Only through a knowledge of God in Christ can we understand our identity as humans made in the image of God.

**Outline** ~ 3 Movements:

- Majesty of God → Mystery of Man
- Man in light of God → Man in light of Creation
- Implications of Psalm 8 → Christ

1. What is the most majestic thing you have ever seen?
2. **Dignity:** Dr. Smith described Psalm 8 as a poetic reflection on the *imago dei* (Gen 1:26-28). Mankind has all kinds of ways of seeking out dignity for himself. Why is it impossible to ascribe dignity to mankind *apart* from knowing God?
3. **Vocation:** The Lord has given us various responsibilities or callings. Thus, “there is to be care in what we have been given, realizing that it has been *received*.” How does this effect the way you see your vocation this week?<sup>1</sup>
4. **Evangelism:** Do you have an unbelieving friend or acquaintance that struggles with identity or purpose? How might Psalm 8 inform the way you share your faith with such a person?
5. **Christ, Psalm 8, Triumphal Entry:** Read Matt 21:15-16. Jesus uses Psa 8 to say that *true* strength is found in the words of children who are *worshipping* him, rather than astute Pharisees who *despise* him. How does the fact that Christ is glorified in our weakness give you comfort?
6. **Christ, Psalm 8, Epistle to the Hebrews:** Read Heb 2:5-9. The use of Psa 8 in Heb 2 is meant to show us that “the purposes of God for human beings in this world are ultimately fulfilled in him. We find our true humanity and our true dignity in the Incarnate Lord Jesus Christ.” How does this truth inform the way we take up our own crosses and follow Jesus?

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<sup>1</sup> Vocation here meaning any number of callings, whether that be family, work, school, etc.