



Notes | July 28, 2024

How Great Thou Art

As we've learned in past weeks of our hymn series, hymns are used to pass faith from one generation to the next. "How Great Thou Art" is a hymn that follows a roadmap to show us many different attributes of God and His faithfulness. We know that God is love. We know that He is Truth, but sometimes we can forget about His power, His presence, and His promises. Our lives are filled with different seasons and circumstances where we get to see different characteristics of God in fresh ways. This hymn reminds us of that!

Key Scripture | Colossians 1:15-17

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or power or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things and in him all things hold together.

Related Scriptures

Genesis 1:1; John 1:14; Hebrews 4:14-15; Exodus 17:15; Isaiah 11:10-12; John 14:3

Icebreakers:

Q: What was your favorite song growing up?

Key Thoughts and Reflections:

I. God is great because He is powerful

Q: Is there an area of your life where you wish you had more control?

Q: Elohim is the Hebrew name for God referring to the might and power of God as the Creator. Do you believe that God is all powerful?

Q: If you could ask God why one event in your life worked out a certain way, what event would that be?

II. God is great because He is present

Q: Do you have a "happy place?"

Q: Has there been a time in your life where you felt the presence of God in a powerful way?

Q: Emmanuel is a Greek word meaning "God with us". Is there a place where you feel God the most?



III. God is great because of His promises!

Q: Would you classify yourself as naïve, trusting, or pessimistic?

Q: Has there ever been a promise broken by someone you love that hurt you?

Q: Jehovah Nissi is a name for God that means "The Lord Is my Banner." Do you trust that God will keep His promises to you?

Get Practical

God's promise for us is that in the end it will be good and if it's not good then it's not the end. The important thing to remember is that in the battle, we don't forget the promises of God or the people of God He has surrounded us with. This week, take a moment to reach out to your people that remind you of God's power, His presence, and His promises! Also, in your prayer time this week, ask God to reveal to you where you struggle trusting Him: in power, in presence, or in promise!